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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in August 1987. The August rate was down 0.2 percent from the July rate of 4.5. A year ago the unemployment rate was 0.9 percent higher at 5.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force at 3,306,000 in August decreased by 16,000 from the previous month. From August a year ago the civilian labor force grew by 99,000, or a percentage increase of 3.1.

Employment, seasonally adjusted, stood at 3,165,000 in August falling 6,000 (-0.2 percent) from the July estimate of 3,171,000. The number of unemployed persons also dropped over the month from 151,000 in July to 141,000 in August, a net decrease of 10,000 (-6.6 percent). Employment, August 1986 - August 1987, grew by 126,000 workers (+4.1 percent) as the number of unemployed persons dropped by 27,000, (-16.1 percent).

Seasonally adjusted industry employment in North Carolina was 2,827,000 in August, a slight increase of 400 workers over the July estimate of 2,826,600. Manufacturing employment was down as both total durable and nondurable goods industries lost workers. Small worker gains posted in lumber and wood; stone, clay, and glass; fabricated metals; electrical machinery; transportation equipment; paper; rubber; and other nondurables were not enough to offset the losses. From a year ago, industry employment was up by 93,800 workers as most industries reported employment gains. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 2,100 workers from July to August with the largest gains occurring in the service, except domestic (+1,500) and retail trade (+1,400) industries. From August 1986 employment in nonmanufacturing industries saw a net increase of 74,200 as all industry groups added workers.

The average number of weeks claimed for unemployment benefits in August was 31,375, down 6,910 (-18.0 percent) from July. Average weeks claimed dropped by more than one thousand in textiles (-1,306) and in apparel (-1,176). Reductions occurred in all industries except printing and publishing (+17) and finance, insurance, and real estate (+12).

In August, 17,970 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Persons placed in manufacturing industries totaled 6,816. In nonmanufacturing industries, the largest number of placements was made in services, 3,245, and in trade, 2,551. By occupation, the largest number of placements was made in packaging and material handling (+2,892); service, except domestic (+2,850); farming, fishing, and forestry (+2,464); and benchwork (+2,273).

Both durable goods (total) and nondurable goods (total) experienced increases in the number of production workers over the month. Production workers in manufacturing numbered 675,600 in August, an increase of 5,800 over the July estimate of 669,800. Over the month, the increase in production workers was largest in the textile industry (+2,300), followed by tobacco (+2,000). From August 1986 - August 1987 the number of production workers in manufacturing grew by 14,000 as notable increases were evident in textiles, +6,600 (+3.5 percent), furniture, +2,400 (+3.2 percent), and transportation equipment, +2,200 (+ 12.0 percent).

Production workers in manufacturing averaged \$7.83 an hour in August as compared to \$7.82 an hour in July and \$7.58 in August a year ago. Average weekly earnings increased \$5.89 over the month, and average weekly hours increased. Tobacco workers had the highest average hourly earnings in August at \$14.51. These same workers had the shortest workweek, 34.1 hours a week. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers in communications and public utilities were the highest hourly and weekly earners at \$12.29 and \$516.18, respectively. From August 1986 to August 1987, workers in stone, clay, and glass; primary metals; electrical machinery; chemicals; and mining realized more than \$.40 cents an hour increase in their average hourly earnings.



Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
March 1987 through August 1987

	Aug. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,767	4,816	4,822	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848
Civilian Labor Force	3,207	3,264	3,267	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306
Participation Rate 1/	67.3	67.8	67.8	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2
Employed	3,039	3,107	3,112	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.8	64.5	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3
Unemployed	168	157	155	139	149	151	141
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
June 1987 through August 1987

	Aug. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,767	4,836	4,843	4,848
Civilian Labor Force	3,252	3,316	3,389	3,351
Participation Rate 1/	68.2	68.6	70.0	69.1
Employed	3,085	3,155	3,229	3,211
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	64.7	65.2	66.7	66.2
Unemployed	167	160	160	140
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.6	1.3	1.4	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
March 1987 through August 1987

	Aug. 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,828	182,179	182,344	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002
Civilian Labor Force	118,124	119,222	119,335	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	65.4	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7
Employed	110,067	111,368	111,835	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	61.1	61.3	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8
Unemployed	8,057	7,854	7,500	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
June 1987 through August 1987

	Aug. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,828	182,703	182,885	183,002
Civilian Labor Force	119,471	121,153	122,105	121,614
Participation Rate 1/	66.1	66.3	66.8	66.5
Employed	111,515	113,498	114,652	114,527
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.7	62.1	62.7	62.6
Unemployed	7,955	7,655	7,453	7,088
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.3	6.1	5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.6	2.2	2.2	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

August 1986-August 1987

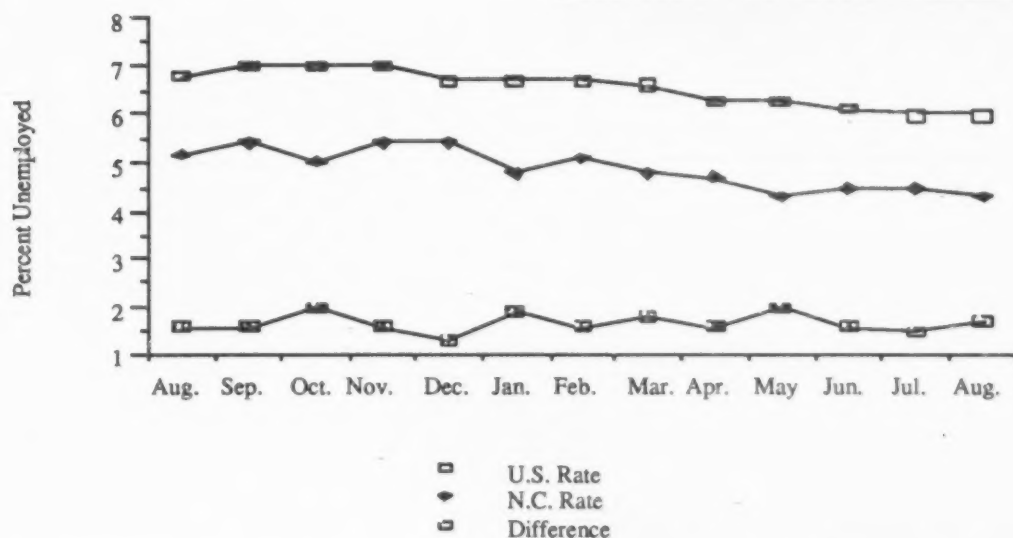


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

August 1986-August 1987

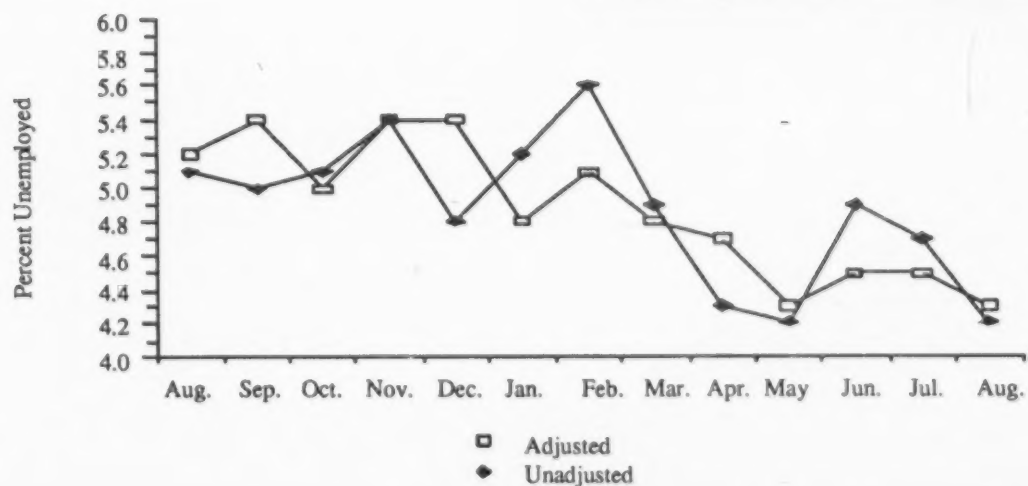


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987		August 1986	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,351.3	3,389.5	3,252.0	- 38.2	- 1.1	+ 99.3	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	139.9	160.2	166.6	- 20.3	- 12.7	- 26.7	- 16.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.7	5.1	- 0.5	-----	- 0.9	-----
Employment, Total	3,211.4	3,229.3	3,085.4	- 17.9	- 0.6	+ 126.0	+ 4.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,306.0	3,322.0	3,207.0	- 16.0	- 0.5	+ 99.0	+ 3.1
Unemployment, Total	141.0	151.0	168.0	- 10.0	- 6.6	- 27.0	- 16.1
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.5	5.2	- 0.2	-----	- 0.9	-----
Employment, Total	3,165.0	3,171.0	3,039.0	- 6.0	- 0.2	+ 126.0	+ 4.1
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,827.0	2,826.6	2,733.2	+ 0.4	**	+ 93.8	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	849.8	851.5	830.2	- 1.7	- 0.2	+ 19.6	+ 2.4
Durable Goods	345.0	345.4	336.1	- 0.4	- 0.1	+ 8.9	+ 2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.0	37.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.6	- 1.6
Furniture & Fixtures	88.1	89.5	85.0	- 1.4	- 1.6	+ 3.1	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.9	21.6	20.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.5	+ 7.4
Primary Metals	11.4	11.4	11.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metals	27.0	26.9	26.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.9	57.0	55.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Electrical Machinery	59.5	59.2	59.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	25.7	25.3	23.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.6	+ 11.3
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.4	17.5	17.1	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.8

* Revised.

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987		August 1986		Net	Percent
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Nondurable Goods	504.8	506.1	494.1	- 1.3	- 0.3	+ 10.7	+ 2.2		
Food & Kindred Products	47.0	47.1	46.8	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4		
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.5	25.2	25.0	- 0.7	- 2.8	- 0.5	- 2.0		
Textile Mill Products	219.5	219.5	211.9	0.0	0.0	+ 7.6	+ 3.6		
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	90.8	88.7	- 0.6	- 0.7	+ 1.5	+ 1.7		
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.9	21.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5		
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.5	27.7	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.8		
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.6	37.5	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.2	- 0.5		
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	31.4	31.0	30.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 4.0		
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.5	4.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.4	+ 0.3	+ 6.8		
Nonmanufacturing	1,977.2	1,975.1	1,903.0	+ 2.1	+ 0.1	+ 74.2	+ 3.9		
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1		
Construction	166.8	165.9	157.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.5	+ 9.6	+ 6.1		
Transportation & Public Utilities	134.6	135.2	133.5	- 0.6	- 0.4	+ 1.1	+ 0.8		
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.7	74.5	72.4	- 0.8	- 1.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.8		
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.8	56.9	56.4	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.7		
Wholesale & Retail Trade	631.2	631.7	608.5	- 0.5	- 0.1	+ 22.7	+ 3.7		
Wholesale Trade	143.7	145.6	141.0	- 1.9	- 1.3	+ 2.7	+ 1.9		
Retail Trade	487.5	486.1	467.5	+ 1.4	+ 0.3	+ 20.0	+ 4.3		
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	127.9	127.6	119.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 8.7	+ 7.3		
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	477.5	476.0	452.8	+ 1.5	+ 0.3	+ 24.7	+ 5.5		
Total Government	434.4	433.9	427.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.3	+ 1.7		
Federal	52.3	51.9	51.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.4		
State	126.1	126.0	123.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	+ 1.9		
Local	256.0	256.0	251.7	0.0	0.0	+ 4.3	+ 1.7		
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	257.3	262.4	243.5	- 5.1	- 1.9	+ 13.8	+ 5.7		
Agriculture	92.9	97.8	99.9	- 4.9	- 5.0	- 7.0	- 7.0		

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Figure 3

**Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

August 1987

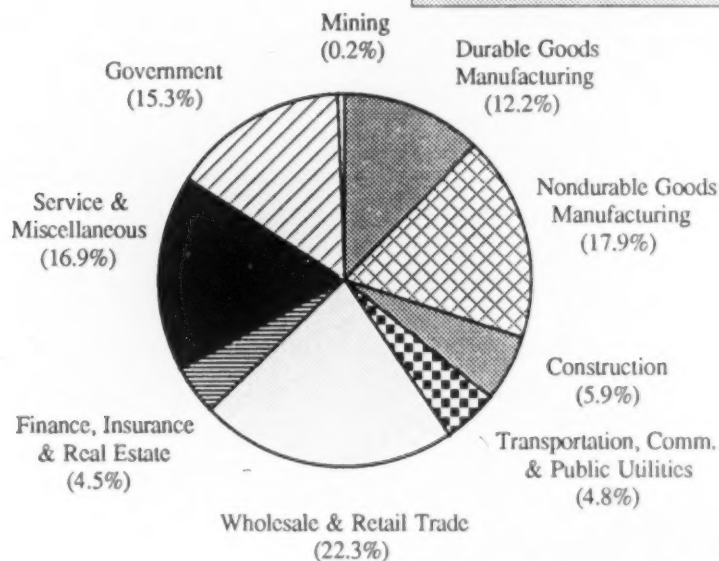


Figure 4

**Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)**

August 1987

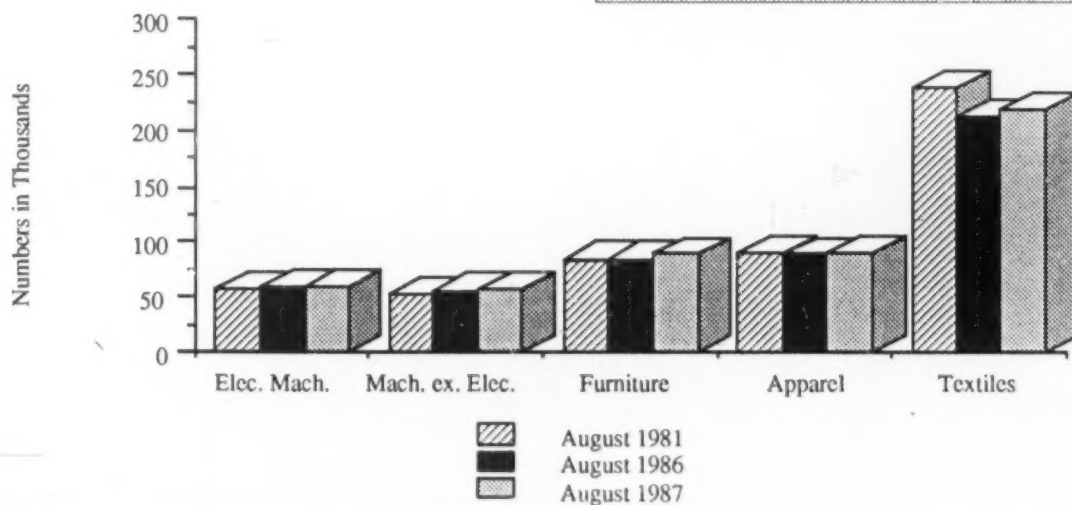


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

August 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,657,545	31,375	1.2	- 6,910	- 18.0
Manufacturing Total	831,493	13,355	1.6	- 4,857	- 26.7
Food Products	47,390	550	1.2	- 53	- 8.8
Tobacco	24,719	856	3.5	- 381	- 30.8
Textile Products	214,680	3,196	1.5	- 1,306	- 29.0
Apparel Products	85,076	2,541	3.0	- 1,176	- 31.6
Lumber & Wood	38,228	552	1.4	- 253	- 31.4
Furniture & Fixtures	85,009	1,350	1.6	- 592	- 30.5
Paper & Allied	21,815	138	0.6	- 40	- 22.5
Printing & Publishing	27,852	353	1.3	+ 17	+ 5.1
Chemicals & Allied	38,628	270	0.7	- 28	- 9.4
Rubber & Plastics	30,983	390	1.3	- 60	- 13.3
Leather Products	3,605	42	1.2	- 36	- 46.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,161	202	1.0	- 12	- 5.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,158	522	1.4	- 104	- 16.6
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,534	562	1.0	- 337	- 37.5
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,567	1,082	1.8	- 280	- 20.6
Transportation Equipment	23,462	472	2.0	- 133	- 22.0
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,626	277	1.6	- 83	- 23.1
Construction	155,163	3,036	2.0	- 490	- 13.9
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	128,967	950	0.7	- 36	- 3.7
Trade	617,141	5,056	0.8	- 497	- 9.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	116,860	740	0.6	+ 12	+ 1.6
Services	413,778	2,764	0.7	- 381	- 12.1
State Government	111,848	673	0.6	- 15	- 2.2
Local Government	253,428	1,293	0.5	- 17	- 1.3
Other 3/	xxx	3,508	xxx	- 629	- 15.2

- 1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.
- 2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.
- 3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

August 1987 ^{1/}

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ^{2/}	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2/, 3/}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	17,970	16,907	1,582	9	1,409
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	456	440	0	0	4
Clerical Occupations	1,933	1,900	6	2	41
Sales Occupations	414	408	0	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	111	81	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,850	2,806	11	1	21
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	2,464	1,709	1,462	0	4
Processing Occupations	1,442	1,345	56	0	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,806	1,789	9	2	38
Benchwork Occupations	2,273	2,270	1	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,970	1,906	11	2	1,234
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	308	288	6	0	31
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,892	2,590	21	1	48
Miscellaneous Occupations	66	52	0	1	0

^{1/} The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

^{2/} The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

^{3/} A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions**

August 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance &	Services	Public Administration	Government
6,816	848	2,551	140	3,245	886	1,645
69	9	64	4	193	100	169
270	157	537	84	537	286	463
10	4	331	7	56	0	10
1	0	0	2	76	2	1
121	29	1,038	9	1,261	331	595
12	84	7	13	114	18	94
1,003	251	34	0	9	0	1
1,582	9	69	1	81	3	20
1,996	2	22	0	245	0	20
367	21	43	16	126	111	155
34	77	101	2	27	14	15
1,462	194	324	2	543	22	94
29	12	1	0	7	2	12

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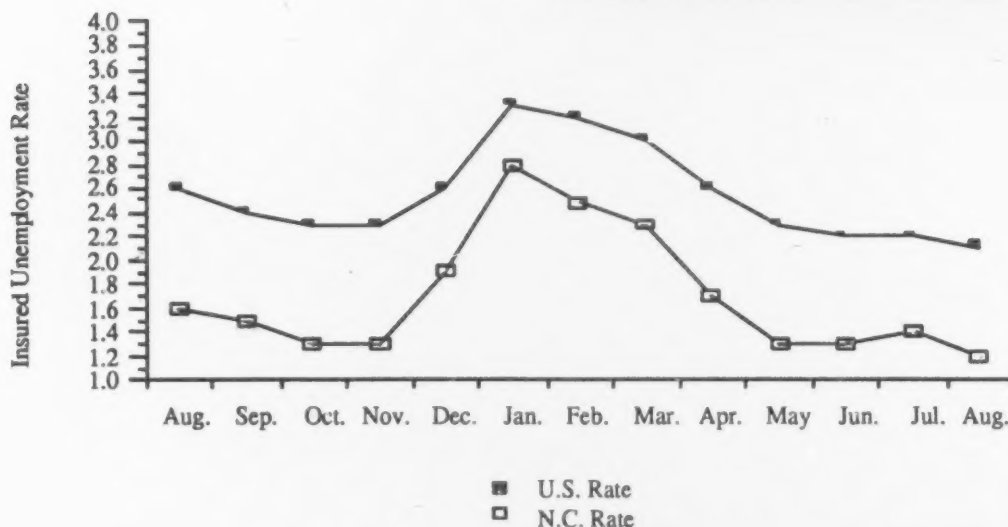
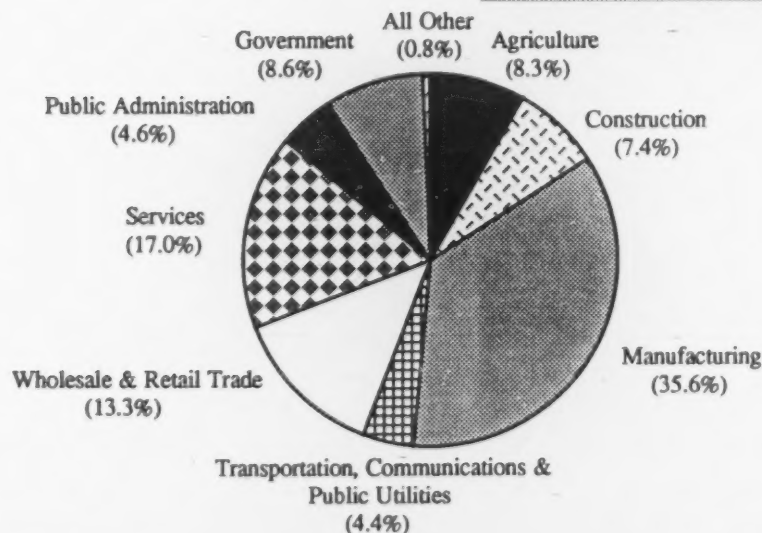


Figure 6

**Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category**

August 1987



Appendix

Table I *Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted)
in North Carolina*

Table II *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings
of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers
in North Carolina*

Figure I *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in
North Carolina*

Figure II *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared
to the North Carolina Average*

Table III *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing
Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

August 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,803.8	2,792.0	2,710.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	853.6	847.2	834.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	345.9	343.9	337.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.6
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.4	38.1	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Furniture and Fixtures	87.6	87.6	84.5	0.0	+ 3.7
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	22.1	21.8	20.6	+ 1.4	+ 7.3
Primary Metal Industries	11.5	11.5	11.1	0.0	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.2	26.9	26.6	+ 1.1	+ 2.3
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Other Durable Goods 2/	17.5	17.3	17.2	+ 1.2	+ 1.7
Nondurable Goods	507.6	503.3	497.2	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	47.5	48.0	47.3	- 1.0	+ 0.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.6	23.6	26.2	+ 8.5	- 2.3
Textile Mill Products	220.4	218.0	212.9	+ 1.1	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	90.7	90.1	89.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Paper and Allied Products	21.9	22.2	21.8	- 1.4	+ 0.5
Printing and Publishing	27.9	28.1	27.4	- 0.7	+ 1.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.6	37.6	37.8	0.0	- 0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.4	31.3	30.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.5	4.4	+ 4.4	+ 6.8

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August 1987 1/

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Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	1,950.2	1,944.8	1,875.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.0
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	172.5	171.9	162.6	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	135.7	135.5	134.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.5	74.1	73.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.2	57.3	56.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	636.0	633.7	613.2	+ 0.4	+ 3.7
Wholesale Trade	146.5	146.1	143.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Retail Trade	489.5	487.6	469.4	+ 0.4	+ 4.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	129.3	129.3	120.5	0.0	+ 7.3
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	483.2	482.7	458.5	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	29.2	28.9	28.9	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Total Government	388.6	386.8	381.6	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Federal	52.6	52.3	51.9	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
State	117.6	114.1	115.5	+ 3.1	+ 1.8
Local	218.4	220.3	214.2	- 0.9	+ 2.0

* Revised.

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

August 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$323.38	\$317.49	\$309.26	41.3	40.6	40.8	\$ 7.83	\$ 7.82	\$ 7.58
DURABLE GOODS	334.97	330.08	319.46	41.1	40.7	40.8	8.15	8.11	7.83
Lumber & Wood Products	279.86	277.26	266.90	40.5	40.3	40.5	6.91	6.88	6.59
Furniture & Fixtures	283.81	274.51	269.66	39.2	38.5	38.8	7.24	7.13	6.95
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	364.42	387.97	344.44	41.6	43.3	41.3	8.76	8.96	8.34
Primary Metal Industries	410.84	395.97	369.56	43.8	42.9	41.9	9.38	9.23	8.82
Fabricated Metal Industries	367.50	372.20	354.06	42.0	42.2	42.2	8.75	8.82	8.39
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	384.98	377.09	372.80	43.5	42.9	42.9	8.85	8.79	8.69
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	375.72	364.91	359.06	41.7	40.5	41.8	9.01	9.01	8.59
Transportation Equipment	374.31	370.15	359.21	42.2	42.4	41.1	8.87	8.73	8.74
NONDURABLE GOODS	315.12	309.78	302.74	41.3	40.6	40.8	7.63	7.63	7.42
Food & Kindred Products	277.50	271.44	278.99	39.7	39.0	40.2	6.99	6.96	6.94
Tobacco Manufacturers	494.79	532.91	492.77	34.1	33.9	34.8	14.51	15.72	14.16
Textile Mill Products	296.60	289.11	282.32	42.8	41.9	42.2	6.93	6.90	6.69
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	205.52	202.99	198.98	38.2	37.8	37.9	5.38	5.37	5.25
Paper & Allied Products	513.00	498.40	503.23	45.6	44.5	45.5	11.25	11.20	11.06
Printing & Publishing	365.92	353.46	344.27	40.3	39.1	39.3	9.08	9.04	8.76
Chemicals & Allied Products	456.23	445.98	422.26	43.7	42.8	42.1	10.44	10.42	10.03
Plastics & Synthetics	511.44	504.22	471.33	45.3	44.7	42.5	11.29	11.28	11.09
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	416.98	415.16	393.69	43.3	42.8	42.7	9.63	9.70	9.22
MINING	407.64	402.75	366.57	47.4	46.4	45.2	8.60	8.68	8.11
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	516.18	527.39	505.98	42.0	42.6	42.2	12.29	12.38	11.99
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	213.50	214.14	206.46	33.1	33.2	33.3	6.45	6.45	6.20
Wholesale Trade	334.36	340.05	319.95	39.9	40.1	39.5	8.38	8.48	8.10
Retail Trade	180.91	179.66	175.06	31.3	31.3	31.6	5.78	5.74	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	144.74	140.66	142.30	30.6	29.8	30.8	4.73	4.72	4.62

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

August 1987

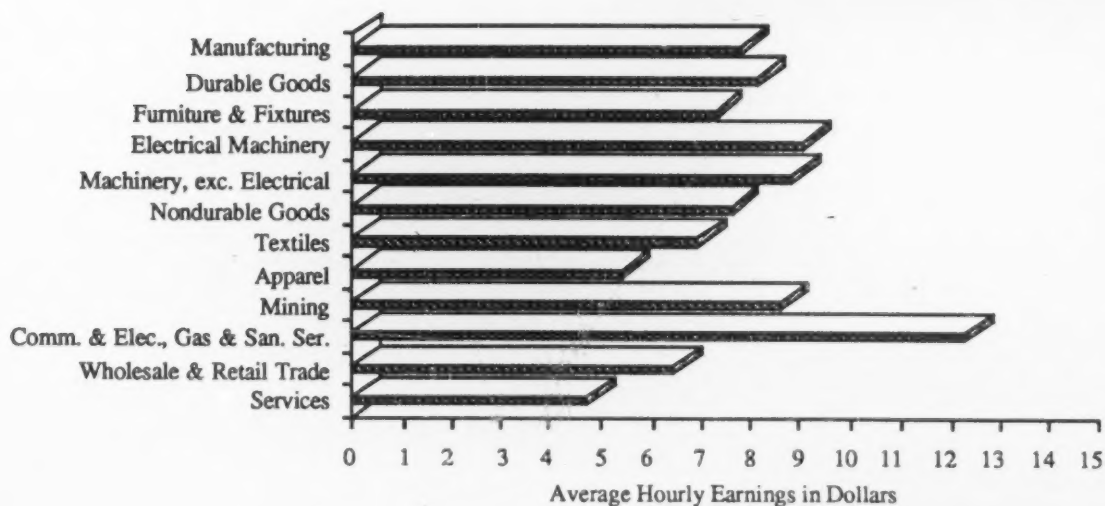


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

August 1987

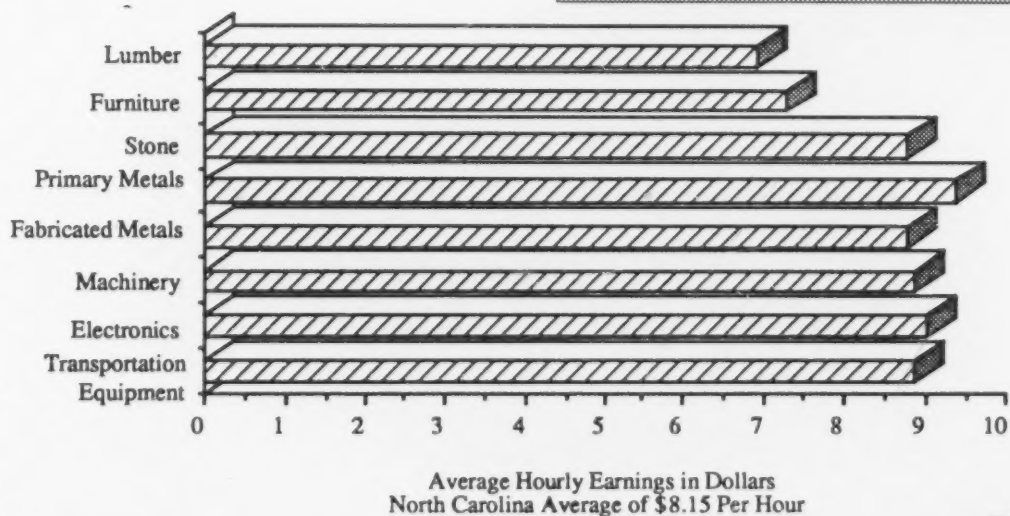


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

August 1987 ^{1/}

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Aug. 1987	July* 1987	Aug. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1986
Manufacturing	675.6	669.8	661.6	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	260.2	258.6	255.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Lumber and Wood Products	31.9	31.8	32.5	+ 0.3	- 1.8
Furniture and Fixtures	76.5	76.5	74.1	0.0	+ 3.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.8	17.6	16.6	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	20.4	20.1	19.9	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.5	28.3	28.7	+ 0.7	- 0.7
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.2	42.5	43.8	+ 1.6	- 1.4
Transportation Equipment	20.5	20.6	18.3	- 0.5	+ 12.0
Nondurable Goods	415.3	411.2	406.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	33.5	34.1	33.4	- 1.8	+ 0.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.7	17.7	20.1	+ 11.3	- 2.0
Textile Mill Products	195.0	192.7	188.4	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.0	78.4	78.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Paper and Allied Products	16.5	16.8	16.3	- 1.8	+ 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.3	17.5	16.9	- 1.1	+ 2.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.5	24.8	0.0	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.8	25.8	24.8	0.0	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods ^{2/}	4.0	3.8	3.7	+ 5.3	+ 8.1

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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in September, down 0.3 of a percentage point from the August rate of 4.3. The national rate, seasonally adjusted, was 5.9 in September which was down 0.1 percent from August. From September 1986, the state and national unemployment rates were down 1.4 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively.

The civilian labor force in North Carolina, after seasonal adjustments, climbed to 3,313,000 in September, a gain of 7,000 from the August estimate of 3,306,000. From September 1986 to September 1987, the state's civilian labor force grew by 106,000 for a percentage increase of 3.3.

After seasonal adjustments, the employment total reached 3,182,000 in September. An increase of 17,000 in the number of employed workers represented a percentage growth of 0.5 from the prior month's estimate of 3,165,000. From September 1986 to September 1987, employment was up by 148,000 for an increase of almost five percent. The unemployment total at 131,000 in September decreased by 10,000 from August and by 42,000 (-24.3 percent) from the September 1986 estimate of 173,000.

Total nonagricultural employment, seasonally adjusted, increased by 9,800 workers from August to September. Of this increase, the manufacturing employment estimate rose 4,700 (+0.6 percent) as nonmanufacturing employment grew by 5,100 workers (+0.3 percent). From September 1986 to September 1987, manufacturing saw a growth of 21,500 workers (+2.6 percent). For the same period, the number of workers in nonmanufacturing increased 73,100 (+3.8 percent). In manufacturing, the apparel industry added the most workers from August to September, +1,000; and from a year ago, the largest employment gain occurred in the textile industry, +9,600. Among the nonmanufacturing industries, the service and miscellaneous sector experienced an employment gain of 2,600 over

the month. For the year, employment in the combined wholesale and retail trade industry increased 24,800 followed by a growth of 23,400 in service and miscellaneous.

Weeks claimed for unemployment insurance totaled 29,020 in September which was 2,355 lower than the prior month. Average weeks claimed dropped by 1,682 in manufacturing as tobacco claims fell by 709. In the nonmanufacturing division, claims were down by 378 in trade, and a decrease of 220 occurred in the service industry.

There was a total of 17,052 individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in September which was less than the number placed in August. Of the total, 7,610 persons were placed in manufacturing industries, and 2,829 were placed in the service industry. The largest number of placements by occupation was made in packaging and material handling (3,142). Over 2,000 placements each were made in benchwork occupations, 2,901; service, except domestic occupations, 2,349; and in agriculture, forestry, and fishery occupations, 2,316.

There were increases in the number of production workers in most industries from August to September with the largest additions in tobacco, (+2,000); apparel, (+1,100); and textiles, (+1,000). Over the year, most industries reported growth in the number of production workers. Textiles posted a gain of 8,400, while the number of production workers grew by 2,800 in the furniture industry. From August 1987, and from September 1986, the number of production workers in manufacturing increased by 5,600 and 15,400, respectively.

Production workers in about half of the manufacturing industry divisions averaged less in weekly earnings in September than in August. Except in the tobacco industry, these same workers worked fewer hours per week. Average hourly earnings were up over the month except in nonelectrical machinery and tobacco. Production workers in all manufacturing industry groups had higher hourly earnings in September 1987 than in September 1986. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers, except those in wholesale trade and retail trade, earned more a week in September than in the prior month. All workers, however, gained over the year. Hourly earnings over the month were up except in wholesale trade, but average hourly earnings increased for all nonsupervisory workers from September 1986 to September 1987.

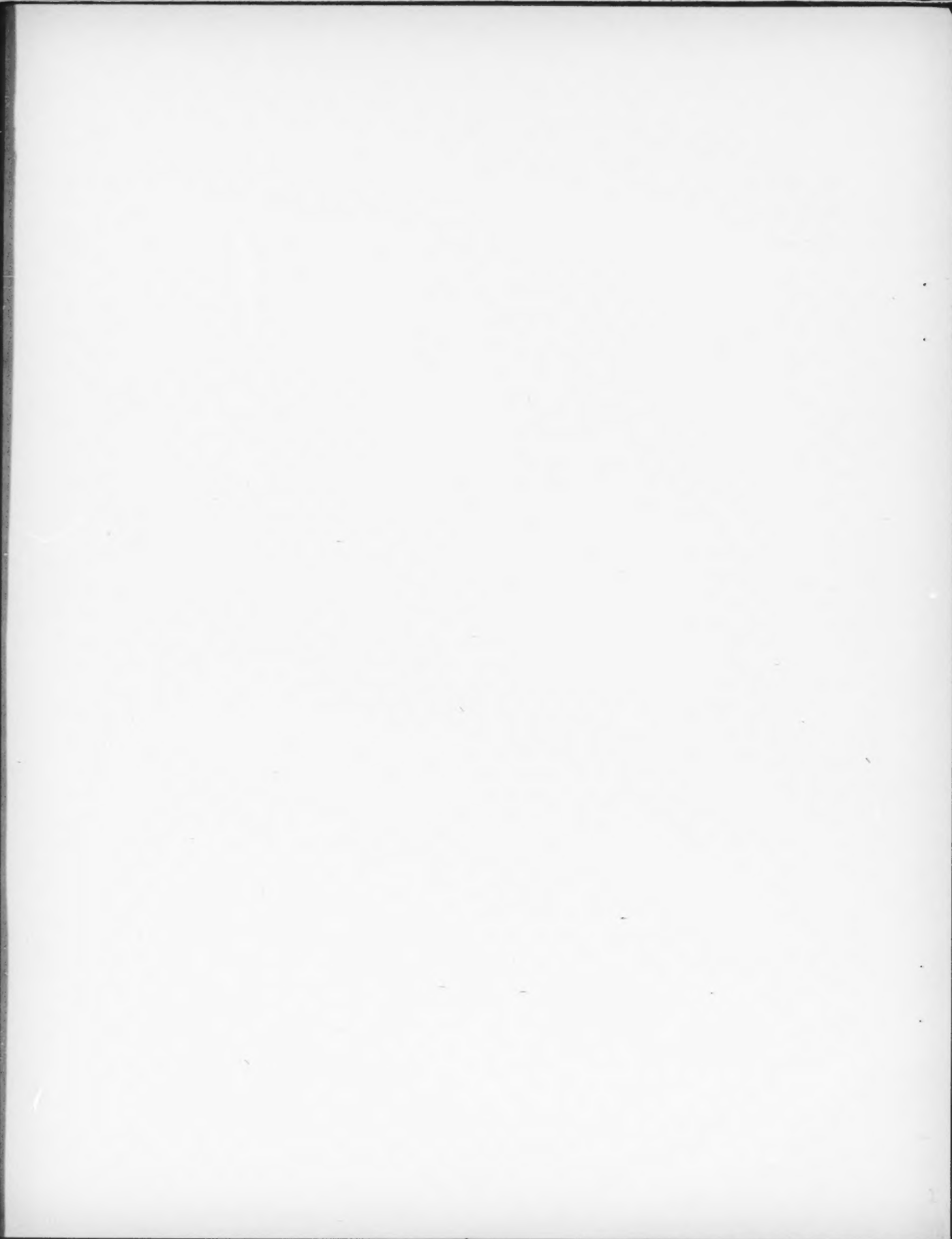


Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
April 1987 through September 1987

	Sep. 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,773	4,822	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854
Civilian Labor Force	3,207	3,267	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313
Participation Rate 1/	67.2	67.8	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3
Employed	3,034	3,112	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	64.5	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6
Unemployed	173	155	139	149	151	141	131
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
July 1987 through September 1987

	Sep. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,773	4,843	4,848	4,854
Civilian Labor Force	3,196	3,389	3,351	3,303
Participation Rate 1/	67.0	70.0	69.1	68.0
Employed	3,038	3,229	3,211	3,187
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	66.7	66.2	65.7
Unemployed	158	160	140	116
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.7	4.2	3.5
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.5	1.4	1.2	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
April 1987 through September 1987

	Sep. 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,997	182,344	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161
Civilian Labor Force	118,272	119,335	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4
Employed	109,987	111,835	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.8	61.3	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6
Unemployed	8,285	7,500	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.3	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.9	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
July 1987 through September 1987

	Sep. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,997	182,885	183,002	183,161
Civilian Labor Force	118,244	122,105	121,614	119,884
Participation Rate 1/	65.3	66.8	66.5	65.5
Employed	110,229	114,652	114,527	113,027
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	62.7	62.6	61.7
Unemployed	8,015	7,453	7,088	6,857
Unemployment Rate	6.8	6.1	5.8	5.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.4	2.1	2.1	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

September 1986--September 1987

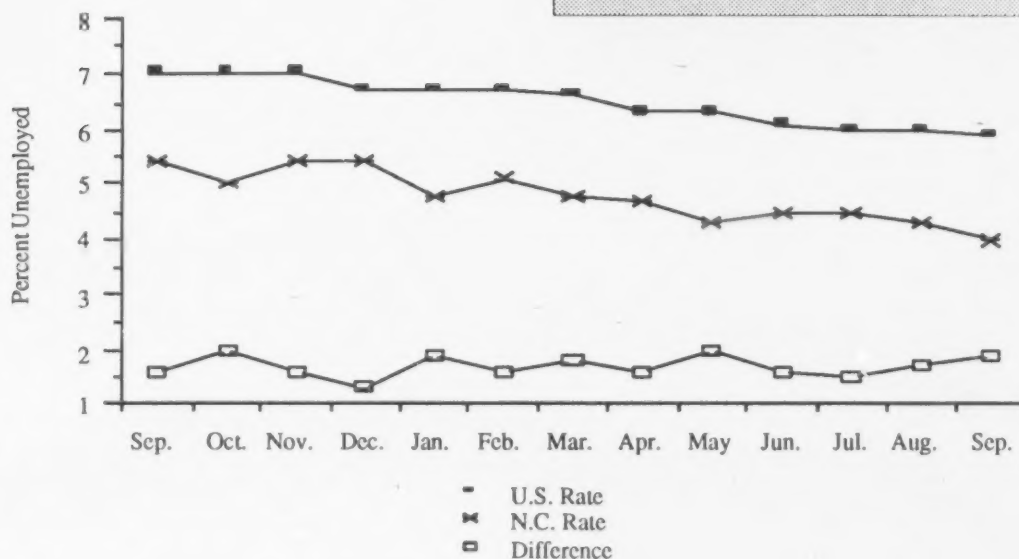


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

September 1986-September 1987

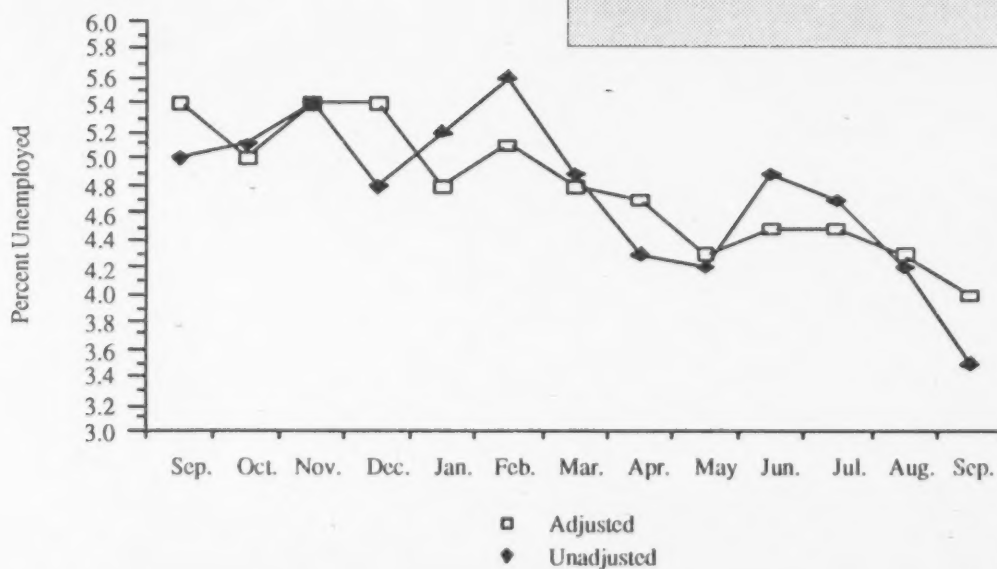


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

September 1987 ^{1/}

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	August 1987 Net	Percent	September 1986 Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ^{2/}	3,303.1	3,351.3	3,196.0	- 48.2	- 1.4	+ 107.1	+ 3.4
Unemployment, Total	116.4	139.9	158.2	- 23.5	- 16.8	- 41.8	- 26.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.5	4.2	5.0	- 0.7	-----	- 1.5	-----
Employment, Total	3,186.7	3,211.4	3,037.8	- 24.7	- 0.8	+ 148.9	+ 4.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ^{2/}	3,313.0	3,306.0	3,207.0	+ 7.0	+ 0.2	+ 106.0	+ 3.3
Unemployment, Total	131.0	141.0	173.0	- 10.0	- 7.1	- 42.0	- 24.3
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	4.3	5.4	- 0.3	-----	- 1.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,182.0	3,165.0	3,034.0	+ 17.0	+ 0.5	+ 148.0	+ 4.9
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,837.8	2,828.0	2,743.2	+ 9.8	+ 0.3	+ 94.6	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	854.9	850.2	833.4	+ 4.7	+ 0.6	+ 21.5	+ 2.6
Durable Goods	346.3	345.3	338.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.3	+ 8.3	+ 2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.0	37.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	- 0.4	- 1.1
Furniture & Fixtures	89.0	88.4	85.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.6	21.6	20.4	0.0	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 5.9
Primary Metals	11.4	11.4	11.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metals	27.0	27.1	26.4	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.7	57.3	56.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
Electrical Machinery	59.4	59.2	60.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 0.8	- 1.3
Transportation Equipment	25.7	25.7	23.7	0.0	0.0	+ 2.0	+ 8.4
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	17.4	17.6	17.0	- 0.2	- 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 2.4

* Revised.

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^{6/} This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Table 3

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	August 1987		September 1986			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Nondurable Goods	508.6	504.9	495.4	+	3.7	+	0.7	+	13.2
Food & Kindred Products	47.1	46.9	46.8	+	0.2	+	0.4	+	0.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	24.5	26.3	+	0.1	+	0.4	-	1.7
Textile Mill Products	220.6	219.7	211.0	+	0.9	+	0.4	+	9.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.3	90.3	89.2	+	1.0	+	1.1	+	2.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	21.9	+	0.2	+	0.9	+	0.4
Printing & Publishing	28.3	28.1	27.5	+	0.2	+	0.7	+	0.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.2	37.6	+	0.4	+	1.1		0.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.1	31.4	30.7	+	0.7	+	2.2	+	1.4
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.7	4.4		0.0		0.0	+	0.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,982.9	1,977.8	1,909.8	+	5.1	+	0.3	+	73.1
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.8	+	0.1	+	2.1	+	0.1
Construction	166.3	166.5	158.3	-	0.2	-	0.1	+	8.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	135.1	134.8	133.6	+	0.3	+	0.2	+	1.5
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.5	73.8	73.1	+	0.7	+	0.9	+	1.4
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.6	56.7	56.3	-	0.1	-	0.2	+	0.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	633.9	631.5	609.1	+	2.4	+	0.4	+	24.8
Wholesale Trade	144.3	143.9	140.6	+	0.4	+	0.3	+	3.7
Retail Trade	489.6	487.6	468.5	+	2.0	+	0.4	+	21.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	128.6	127.8	120.4	+	0.8	+	0.6	+	8.2
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	479.4	476.8	456.0	+	2.6	+	0.5	+	23.4
Total Government	434.7	435.6	427.6	-	0.9	-	0.2	+	7.1
Federal	52.3	52.2	51.9	+	0.1	+	0.2	+	0.4
State	126.4	126.2	123.8	+	0.2	+	0.2	+	2.6
Local	256.0	257.2	251.9	-	1.2	-	0.5	+	4.1
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	253.6	257.6	239.8	-	4.0	-	1.6	+	13.8
Agriculture	66.0	92.9	70.9	-	26.9	-	29.0	-	4.9

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Figure 3

*Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

September 1987

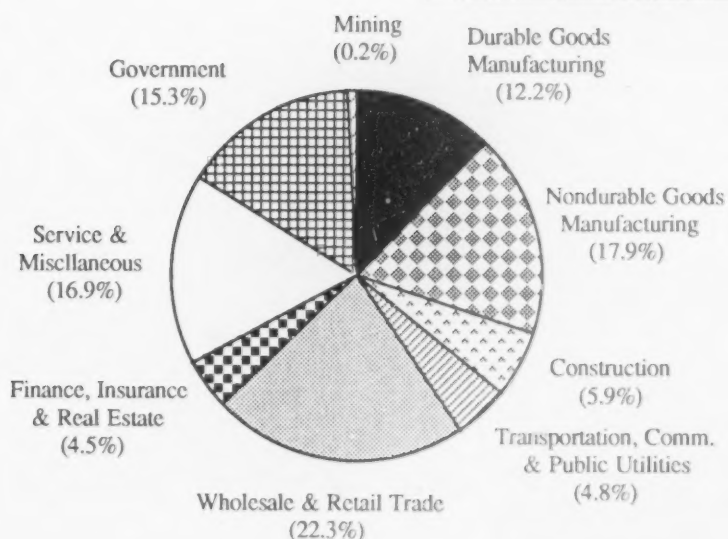


Figure 4

*Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
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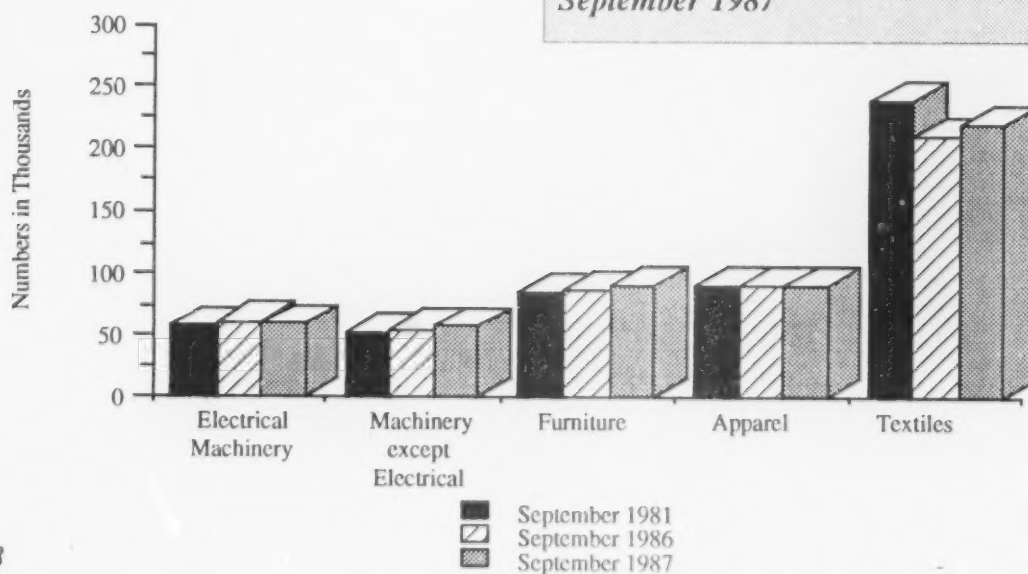


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector ^{1/}

September 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,657,545	29,020	1.1	- 2,355	- 7.5
Manufacturing Total	831,493	11,673	1.4	- 1,682	- 12.6
Food Products	47,390	574	1.2	+ 24	+ 4.4
Tobacco	24,719	147	0.6	- 709	- 82.8
Textile Products	214,680	3,110	1.4	- 86	- 2.7
Apparel Products	85,076	2,142	2.5	- 399	- 15.7
Lumber & Wood	38,228	542	1.4	- 10	- 1.8
Furniture & Fixtures	85,009	1,151	1.4	- 199	- 14.7
Paper & Allied	21,815	114	0.5	- 24	- 17.4
Printing & Publishing	27,852	385	1.4	+ 32	+ 9.1
Chemicals & Allied	38,628	258	0.7	- 12	- 4.4
Rubber & Plastics	30,983	376	1.2	- 14	- 3.6
Leather Products	3,605	38	1.1	- 4	- 9.5
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,161	208	1.0	+ 6	+ 3.0
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,158	522	1.4	0	0.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,534	509	0.9	- 53	- 9.4
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,567	862	1.5	- 220	- 20.3
Transportation Equipment	23,462	469	2.0	- 3	- 0.6
Other Manufacturing ^{2/}	17,626	266	1.5	- 11	- 4.0
Construction	155,163	3,047	2.0	+ 11	+ 0.4
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	128,967	977	0.8	+ 27	+ 2.8
Trade	617,141	4,678	0.8	- 378	- 7.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	116,860	770	0.7	+ 30	+ 4.1
Services	413,778	2,544	0.6	- 220	- 8.0
State Government	111,848	680	0.6	+ 7	+ 1.0
Local Government	253,428	1,205	0.5	- 88	- 6.8
Other ^{3/}	xxx	3,446	xxx	- 62	- 1.8

^{1/} These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

^{2/} "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

^{3/} "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

September 1987 ^{1/}

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ^{2/}	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2/, 3/}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	17,052	15,890	1,412	17	1,166
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	362	351	0	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,628	1,607	6	0	37
Sales Occupations	512	413	1	0	1
Domestic Service Occupations	143	96	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,349	2,287	4	0	17
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	2,316	1,535	1,351	0	6
Processing Occupations	1,416	1,364	15	2	5
Machine Trade Occupations	1,773	1,747	2	0	36
Benchwork Occupations	2,901	2,859	1	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,512	1,466	11	9	1,005
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	279	245	7	1	19
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	3,142	2,926	30	5	34
Miscellaneous Occupations	66	55	0	0	3

^{1/} The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

^{2/} The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

^{3/} A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
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Divisions**

September 1987 ^{1/}

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance &	Services	Public Administration	Government
7,610	799	2,350	152	2,829	382	721
34	7	50	4	163	87	137
251	203	462	96	461	109	309
17	13	243	6	131	2	4
0	0	1	2	93	0	12
132	52	1,020	13	987	95	172
34	76	12	11	40	6	20
1,238	1	95	1	8	0	0
1,560	4	56	0	91	2	1
2,551	0	33	0	287	0	2
275	23	36	16	78	39	15
40	60	83	2	31	8	9
1,716	359	306	1	498	28	35
33	2	2	0	9	6	7

^{1/} The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

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Figure 5

*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
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(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

September 1986-September 1987

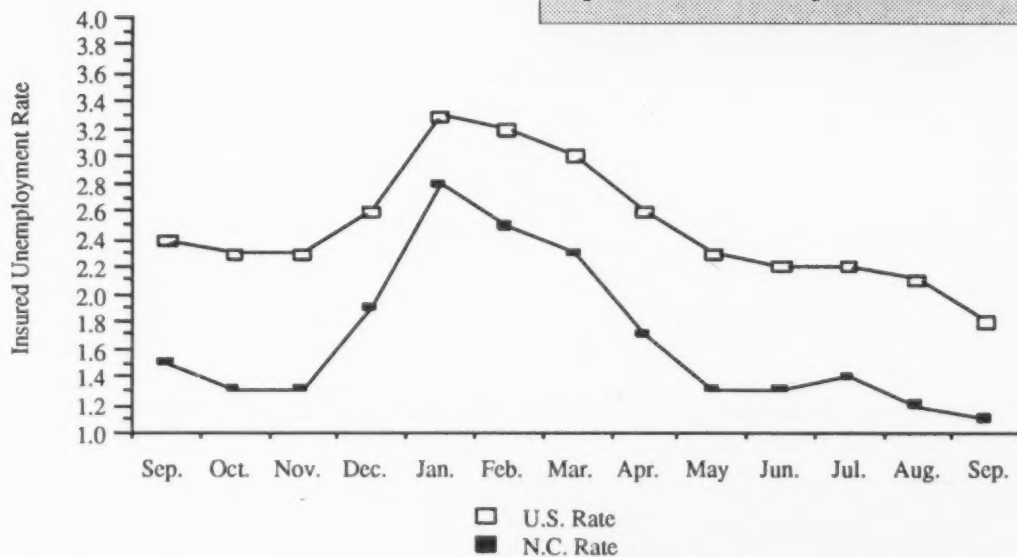
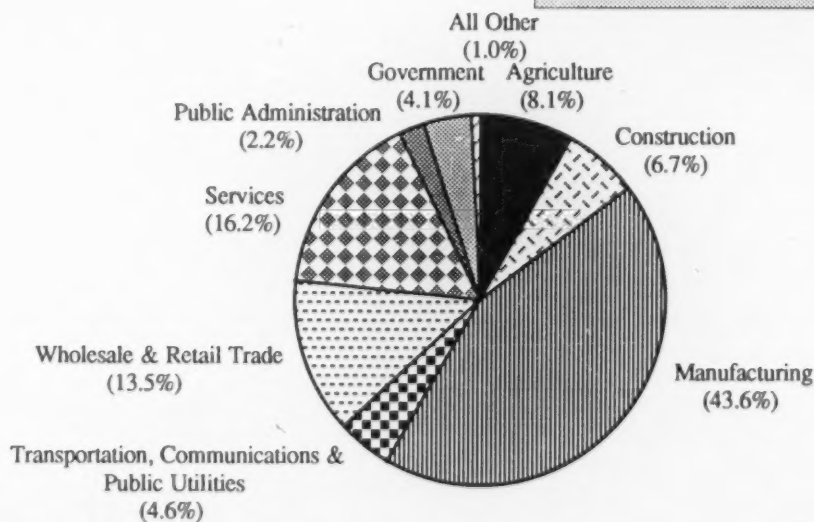


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

September 1987



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,857.9	2,804.3	2,763.8	+ 1.9	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	860.1	854.1	839.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Durable Goods	347.1	346.3	338.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	37.2	37.4	37.7	- 0.5	- 1.3
Furniture and Fixtures	88.6	87.9	85.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.8	21.8	20.6	0.0	+ 5.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.5	11.5	11.1	0.0	+ 3.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.1	27.3	26.5	- 0.7	+ 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	57.6	57.6	56.2	0.0	+ 2.5
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	60.0	59.6	60.8	+ 0.7	- 1.3
Transportation Equipment	25.7	25.4	23.7	+ 1.2	+ 8.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.6	17.7	17.2	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Nondurable Goods	513.0	507.7	500.4	+ 1.0	+ 2.5
Food and Kindred Products	47.9	47.4	47.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	27.4	25.6	29.3	+ 7.0	- 6.5
Textile Mill Products	221.7	220.6	212.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	91.9	90.8	89.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.2
Paper and Allied Products	22.1	22.0	21.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	28.0	27.8	27.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.6	37.5	37.6	+ 0.3	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.8	31.4	30.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	+ 6.8

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 Percent.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

3/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I

(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	1,997.8	1,950.2	1,924.6	+ 2.4	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	169.8	172.2	161.8	- 1.4	+ 4.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	136.7	135.9	135.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	75.9	74.6	74.4	+ 1.7	+ 2.0
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.6	57.1	56.3	- 0.9	+ 0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	637.9	636.3	613.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Wholesale Trade	146.8	146.7	143.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Retail Trade	491.1	489.6	470.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	128.9	129.2	120.7	- 0.2	+ 6.8
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	482.3	482.5	459.0	**	+ 5.1
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	27.8	28.8	27.7	- 3.5	+ 0.4
Total Government	437.2	389.3	430.2	+12.3	+ 1.6
Federal	52.3	52.5	51.9	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	124.8	117.7	122.1	+ 6.0	+ 2.2
Local	260.2	219.0	256.1	+18.8	+ 1.6

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

September 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$322.70	\$322.18	\$311.95	40.9	41.2	41.1	\$ 7.89	\$ 7.82	\$ 7.59
DURABLE GOODS	331.30	334.96	326.27	40.6	41.2	41.3	8.16	8.13	7.90
Lumber & Wood Products	271.66	281.36	271.42	39.2	40.6	41.0	6.93	6.93	6.62
Furniture & Fixtures	281.97	283.75	276.80	39.0	39.3	39.6	7.23	7.22	6.99
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	372.59	371.00	363.72	42.1	42.4	43.3	8.85	8.75	8.40
Primary Metal Industries	399.50	407.53	365.66	42.5	43.4	41.6	9.40	9.39	8.79
Fabricated Metal Industries	370.86	367.88	355.30	42.0	41.9	41.8	8.83	8.78	8.50
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	378.81	386.30	376.23	42.9	43.6	42.9	8.83	8.86	8.77
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	372.11	374.53	367.98	41.3	41.8	42.2	9.01	8.96	8.72
Transportation Equipment	361.97	370.02	365.40	40.9	42.0	42.0	8.85	8.81	8.70
NONDURABLE GOODS	316.52	315.12	303.40	41.0	41.3	41.0	7.72	7.63	7.40
Food & Kindred Products	282.61	277.60	278.11	40.2	39.6	40.6	7.03	7.01	6.85
Tobacco Manufacturers	501.96	506.69	471.42	39.4	34.8	38.8	12.74	14.56	12.15
Textile Mill Products	293.58	296.18	284.18	42.0	42.8	42.1	6.99	6.92	6.75
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	206.46	206.28	202.22	37.2	38.2	38.3	5.55	5.40	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	542.33	505.63	508.48	47.2	45.8	46.1	11.49	11.04	11.03
Printing & Publishing	368.68	361.67	347.41	39.9	39.7	39.3	9.24	9.11	8.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	466.84	451.62	416.90	44.0	43.3	41.4	10.61	10.43	10.07
Plastics & Synthetics	534.53	504.68	462.93	46.2	44.9	42.2	11.57	11.24	10.97
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	406.50	415.38	376.33	42.3	43.0	41.4	9.61	9.66	9.09
MINING	403.56	402.62	365.40	46.6	46.6	45.0	8.66	8.64	8.12
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	532.07	521.20	500.91	42.6	42.1	42.2	12.49	12.38	11.87
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	211.57	212.85	206.97	32.6	33.0	32.8	6.49	6.45	6.31
Wholesale Trade	333.60	333.92	324.37	40.0	39.8	39.8	8.34	8.39	8.15
Retail Trade	178.40	180.02	174.89	30.6	31.2	30.9	5.83	5.77	5.66
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	147.08	145.04	142.58	30.9	30.6	30.4	4.76	4.74	4.69

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

September 1987

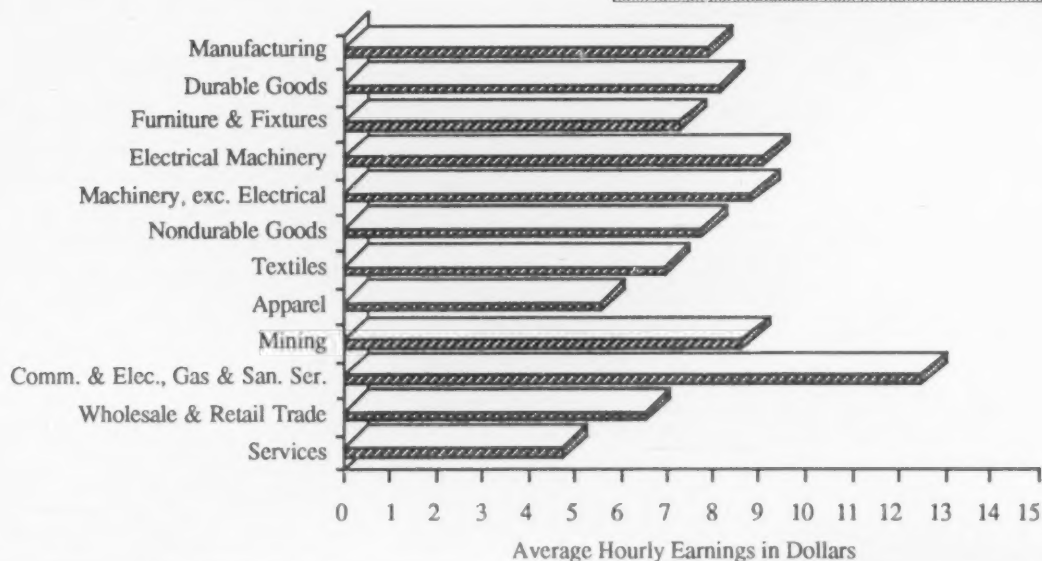


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
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Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

September 1987

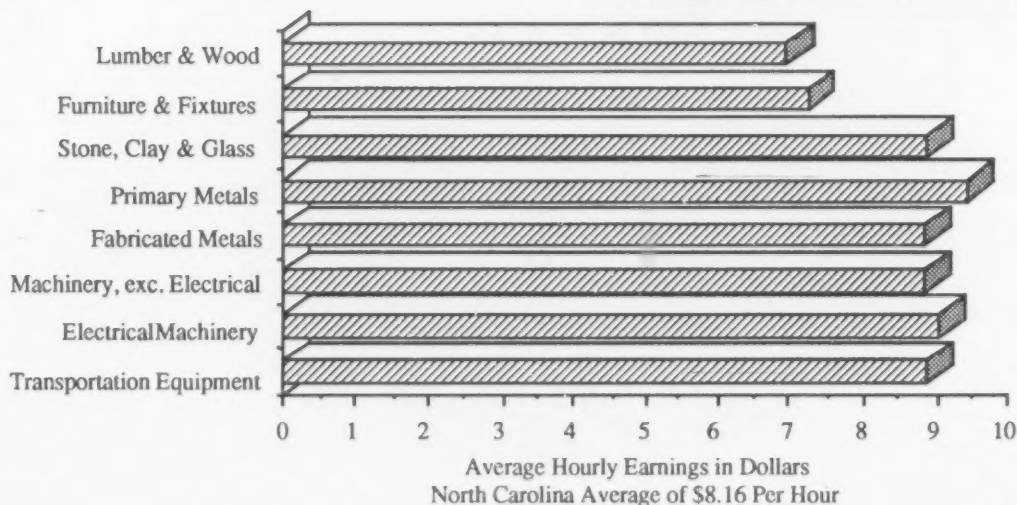


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

September 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Sep. 1987	Aug.* 1987	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1986
Manufacturing	681.6	676.0	666.2	+ 0.8	+ 2.3
Durable Goods	260.9	260.5	256.5	+ 0.2	+ 1.7
Lumber and Wood Products	31.7	31.8	32.1	- 0.3	- 1.2
Furniture and Fixtures	77.4	76.9	74.6	+ 0.6	+ 3.8
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.6	0.0	+ 6.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	+ 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	19.9	20.5	19.8	- 2.9	+ 0.5
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.8	28.7	28.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.2	42.9	44.4	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Transportation Equipment	20.8	20.5	19.1	+ 1.5	+ 8.9
Other Durable Goods	13.1	13.2	12.9	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	420.7	415.5	409.7	+ 1.3	+ 2.7
Food and Kindred Products	34.0	33.5	33.8	+ 1.5	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.8	19.8	23.3	+ 10.1	- 6.4
Textile Mill Products	196.1	195.1	187.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.2	79.1	78.7	+ 1.4	+ 1.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.3	0.0	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	17.5	17.3	16.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.4	24.6	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.2	25.8	24.9	+ 1.6	+ 5.2
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	+ 5.4

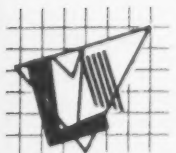
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HIGHLIGHTS

In October 1987, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina dropped to 3.9 percent from the prior month's rate of 4.0 percent. The national unemployment rate for the month, after seasonal adjustments, rose by 0.1 percent to 6.0. From October, a year ago, the state's unemployment rate fell from 5.1 to its current rate. Nationally, the unemployment rate was down by 0.9 percent from the October 1986 rate of 6.9.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force in North Carolina increased by 37,000 workers from 3,313,000 in September to 3,350,000 in October. From October 1986 to October 1987, the civilian labor force showed a percentage increase of 4.5, or a gain of 144,000.

The October employment estimate, after seasonal adjustments stood at 3,218,000, increasing 36,000 from the prior month figure of 3,182,000. From October 1986, a 5.8 percent increase in employment boosted the year-ago total of 3,041,000 to the October 1987 estimate. Unemployment over the month, September-October, was up by 1,000 jobless workers for an increase of less than one percent. Numbering 165,000 in October 1986, unemployment dropped by 20 percent (-33,000) for the twelve-month period.

The state's seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in October was estimated at 2,849,000 or 10,900 more than the prior month's estimate of 2,838,100. Over the year, nonagricultural employment increased by 99,400 (+3.6 percent).

Manufacturing employment at 857,100 in October was up by 1,700 workers as durable goods gained 3,300 workers and nondurable goods lost 1,600. Gains and losses were small throughout the industry divisions. From October a year ago, employment in manufacturing grew by 26,200 with a 12,300 worker increase in durable goods and a growth of 13,900 in nondurable goods. The largest employment gains in manufacturing from October 1986 to October 1987 occurred in textiles, +8,400; apparel, +5,100; and furniture, +3,700.

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 9,200 from 1,982,700 in September to 1,991,900 in October. Growth in the trade industry (+3,400) and in the service and miscellaneous

industry (+3,300) accounted for about 73 percent of the monthly increase. From October 1986, nonmanufacturing employment increased by 73,200 workers. Employment increases in trade and service and miscellaneous contributed about two-thirds (66.0 percent) of the growth.

The weekly average unemployment insurance claims numbered 24,011 in October, down 5,009 from September. Average weeks claimed by industry of attachment decreased by more than 500 in trade (-808), local government (-651), apparel (-592), and construction (-539). From September, claims by industry of attachment were up in textiles, transportation equipment, rubber and plastics, and leather.

Individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in October numbered 16,524. The largest number of individuals placed, 3,318, was in packaging and material handling occupations. More than 7,500 were placed in manufacturing industries, and over 3,000 were placed in jobs in the service industry.

The number of production workers in manufacturing increased by 1,600 in durable goods, but fell by 900 in nondurables for a net increase of 700 from September to October. None of the industry divisions reported significant changes in the number of production workers over the month. From October 1986 to October 1987, industries with the largest gains in production workers were textiles, +7,300; furniture, +3,000; and transportation equipment, +2,000. The tobacco industry experienced a loss of 2,000 production workers during the twelve-month period with the decrease occurring in cigarette manufacturing.

Production workers in manufacturing earned an average of \$326.98 per week in October. The average hourly earnings for these workers dropped one cent an hour over the month from \$7.87 to \$7.86, and the average weekly hours increased from 41.1 to 41.6. Workers in fabricated metals earned \$.87 an hour more in October than in September as hourly earnings increased from \$8.78 to \$9.65. Workers in tobacco and in plastics earned \$.47 an hour less in October than in September. From October 1986, all production workers experienced higher hourly earnings except those in plastics. The average increase in manufacturing over the year was \$.28 an hour. Fabricated metal workers received the largest increase, +\$1.18 per hour. In nonmanufacturing, wholesale trade and hotel nonsupervisory workers averaged more pay a week in October than in September. Mining and hotel employees earned more per hour, two and three cents, respectively, in October than during the prior month. Nonsupervisory employees in mining earned \$.50 more an hour in October 1987 than a year ago, and those in communications and public utilities realized an increase of \$.41 per hour.

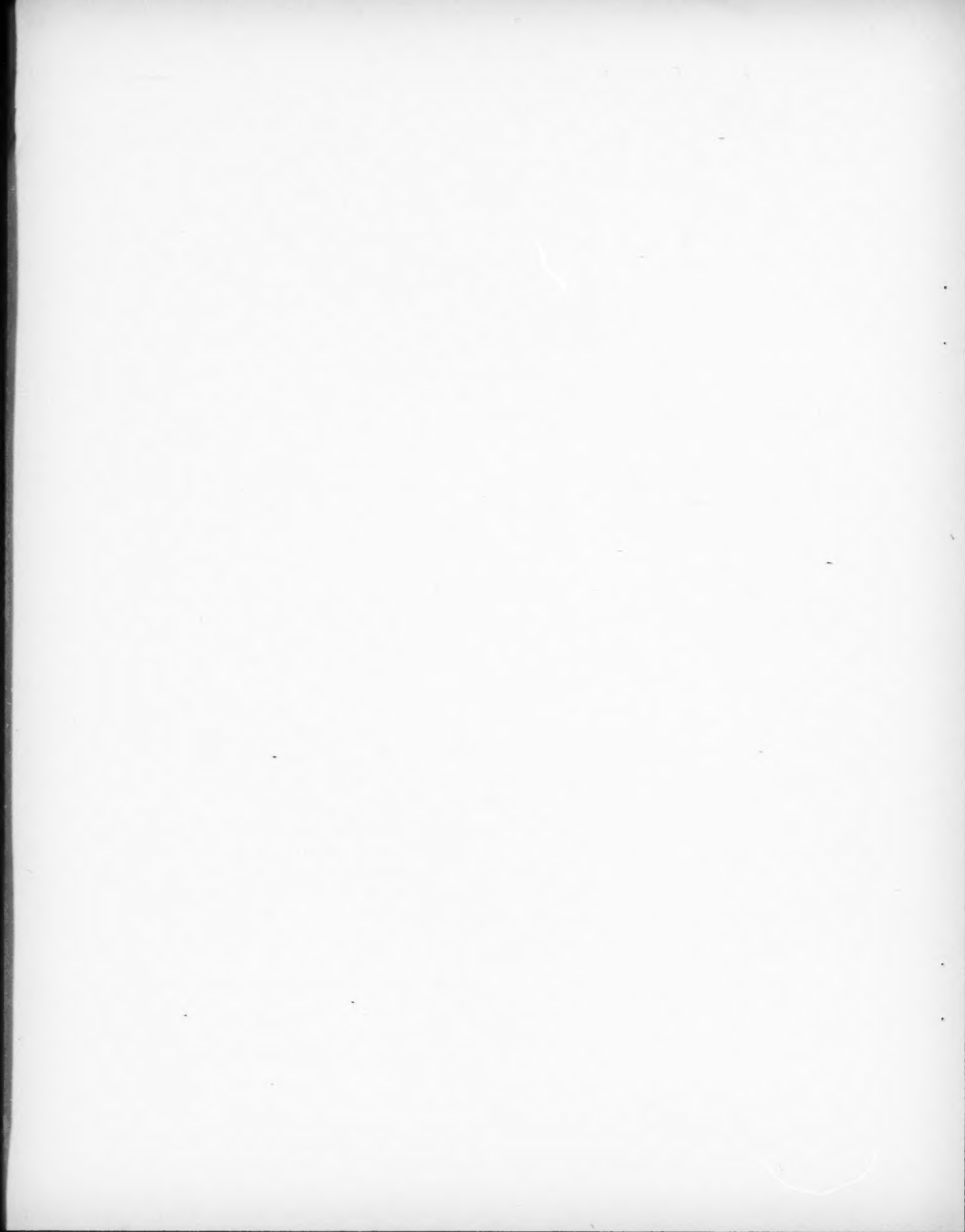


Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
May 1987 through October 1987

	Oct. 1986	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,780	4,829	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861
Civilian Labor Force	3,206	3,240	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350
Participation Rate 1/	67.1	67.1	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9
Employed	3,041	3,101	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.6	64.2	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2
Unemployed	165	139	149	151	141	131	132
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
July 1987 through September 1987

	Oct. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,780	4,848	4,854	4,861
Civilian Labor Force	3,212	3,351	3,303	3,354
Participation Rate 1/	67.2	69.1	68.0	69.0
Employed	3,049	3,211	3,187	3,225
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.8	66.2	65.7	66.3
Unemployed	163	140	116	129
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.2	3.5	3.9

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
May 1987 through October 1987

	Oct. 1986	May 1987	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,186	182,533	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311
Civilian Labor Force	118,414	119,993	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861	120,361
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.7	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4	65.7
Employed	110,192	112,447	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772	113,187
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.8	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.7
Unemployed	8,222	7,546	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089	7,174
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
August 1987 through October 1987

	Oct. 1986	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,186	183,002	183,161	183,311
Civilian Labor Force	118,699	121,614	119,884	120,744
Participation Rate 1/	65.5	66.5	65.5	65.9
Employed	110,857	114,527	113,027	113,898
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.2	62.6	61.7	62.1
Unemployed	7,842	7,088	6,857	6,845
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.8	5.7	5.7
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.3	2.1	1.8	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

3/ The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1986--October 1987

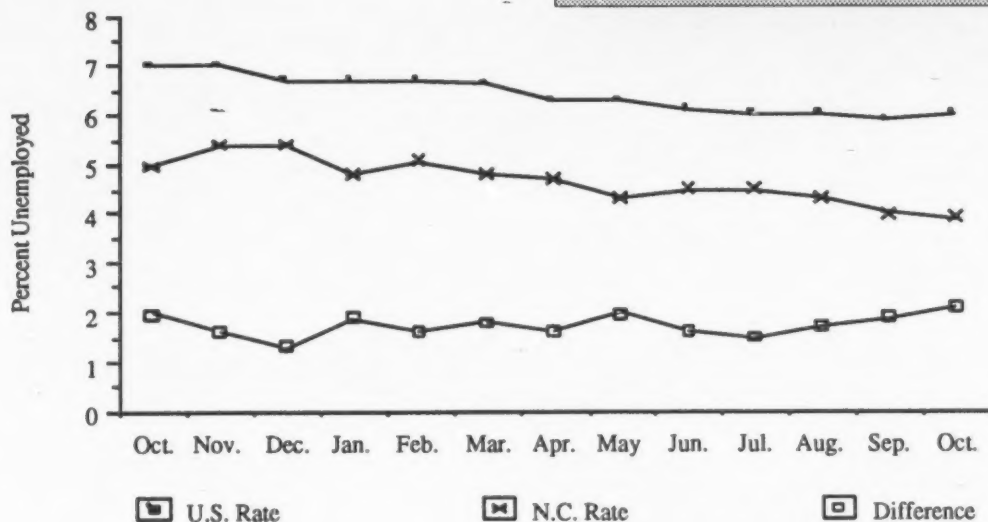


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

October 1986--October 1987

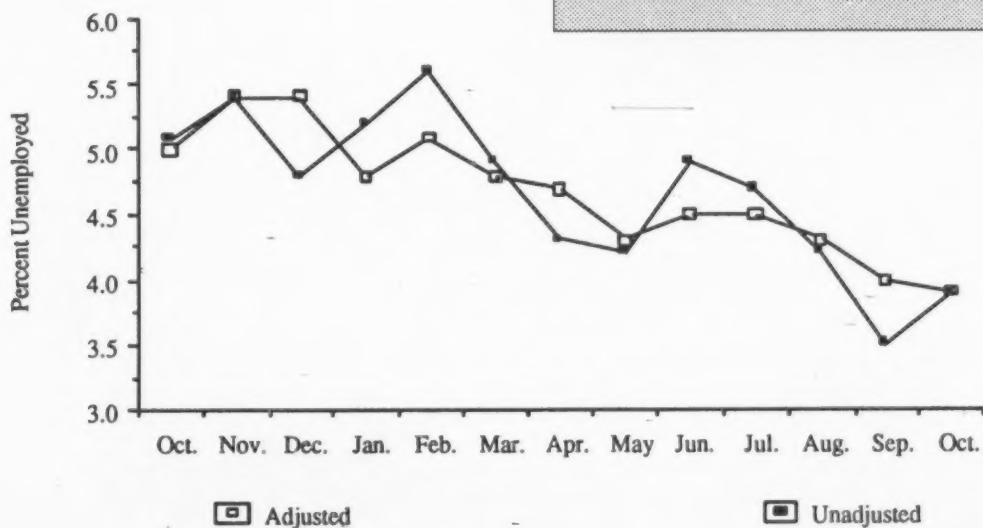


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	September 1987 Net	Percent	October 1986 Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,354.1	3,303.1	3,211.8	+ 51.0	+ 1.5	+ 142.3	+ 4.4
Unemployment, Total	129.2	116.4	163.1	+ 12.8	+ 11.0	- 33.9	- 20.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	3.5	5.1	+ 0.4	----	- 1.2	----
Employment, Total	3,224.9	3,186.7	3,048.7	+ 38.2	+ 1.2	+ 176.2	+ 5.8
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,350.0	3,313.0	3,206.0	+ 37.0	+ 1.1	+ 144.0	+ 4.5
Unemployment, Total	132.0	131.0	165.0	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	- 33.0	- 20.0
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	4.0	5.1	- 0.1	----	- 1.2	----
Employment, Total	3,218.0	3,182.0	3,041.0	+ 36.0	+ 1.1	+ 177.0	+ 5.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,849.0	2,838.1	2,749.6	+ 10.9	+ 0.4	+ 99.4	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	857.1	855.4	830.9	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 26.2	+ 3.2
Durable Goods	350.2	346.9	337.9	+ 3.3	+ 1.0	+ 12.3	+ 3.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.4	37.2	37.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	89.4	89.3	85.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.7	+ 4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.5	21.5	20.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.0	+ 4.9
Primary Metals	11.7	11.5	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
Fabricated Metals	27.5	27.1	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.3	+ 5.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.5	57.8	56.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 2.3	+ 4.1
Electrical Machinery	60.3	59.3	60.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Transportation Equipment	26.1	25.8	23.8	+ 0.3	+ 1.2	+ 2.3	+ 9.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.8	17.4	16.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	+ 1.0	+ 6.0

* Revised.

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6/ This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Table 3

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	September 1987		October 1986			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Nondurable Goods	506.9	508.5	493.0	- 1.6	- 0.3	+ 13.9	+ 2.8		
Food & Kindred Products	47.4	47.2	46.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.3		
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.5	24.6	25.9	- 1.1	- 4.5	- 2.4	- 9.3		
Textile Mill Products	220.6	220.7	212.2	- 0.1	**	+ 8.4	+ 4.0		
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.3	91.3	86.2	0.0	0.0	+ 5.1	+ 5.9		
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	22.3	21.9	- 0.3	- 1.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.5		
Printing & Publishing	27.8	28.1	27.4	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.5		
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.5	37.6	37.4	- 0.1	- 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3		
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.1	32.0	30.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.2	+ 3.9		
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.7	4.7	4.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 9.3		
Nonmanufacturing	1,991.9	1,982.7	1,918.7	+ 9.2	+ 0.5	+ 73.2	+ 3.8		
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.1		
Construction	166.6	166.7	158.8	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 7.8	+ 4.9		
Transportation & Public Utilities	135.6	134.9	134.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.2		
Transportation, exc. Railroad	74.7	74.4	72.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8	+ 2.5		
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.9	56.7	56.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.5		
Wholesale & Retail Trade	637.5	634.1	611.7	+ 3.4	+ 0.5	+ 25.8	+ 4.2		
Wholesale Trade	144.7	144.4	140.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.1	+ 2.9		
Retail Trade	492.8	489.7	471.1	+ 3.1	+ 0.6	+ 21.7	+ 4.6		
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	128.3	128.4	121.1	- 0.1	- 0.1	+ 7.2	+ 5.9		
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	482.4	479.1	459.9	+ 3.3	+ 0.7	+ 22.5	+ 4.9		
Total Government	436.6	434.6	428.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.5	+ 8.2	+ 1.9		
Federal	52.1	52.3	51.9	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.4		
State	127.3	126.3	124.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.1	+ 2.5		
Local	257.2	256.0	252.3	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 4.9	+ 1.9		
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	260.4	253.6	243.1	+ 6.8	+ 2.7	+17.3	7.1		
Agriculture	53.4	66.0	57.4	- 12.6	- 19.1	- 4.0	- 7.0		

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Figure 3

**Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

October 1987

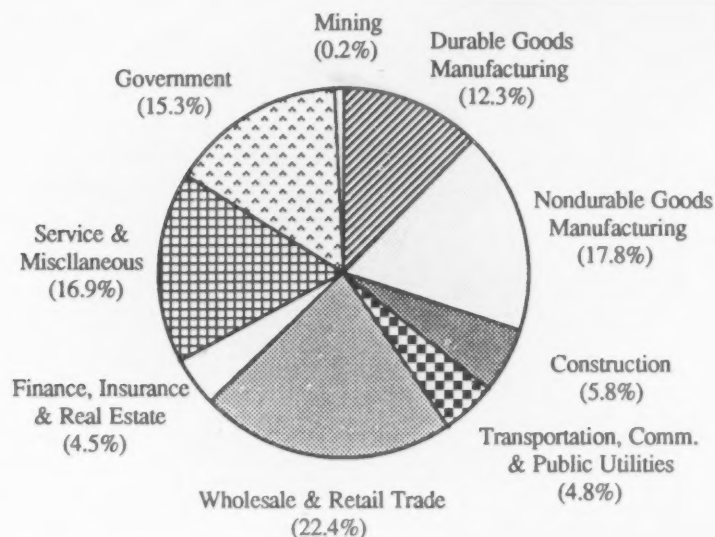
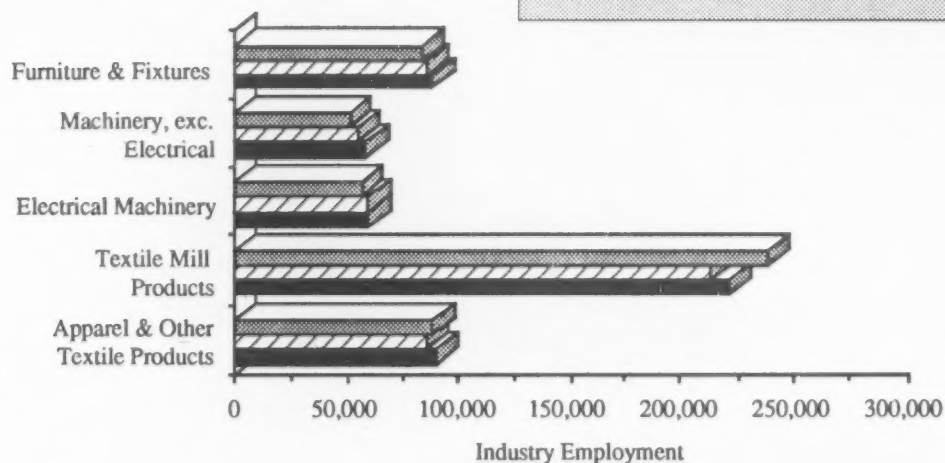


Figure 4

**Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)**

October 1987



October 1981
 October 1986
 October 1987

Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

October 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	24,011	0.9	- 5,009	- 17.3
Manufacturing Total	835,937	10,153	1.2	- 1,520	- 13.0
Food Products	47,574	478	1.0	- 96	- 16.7
Tobacco	24,997	72	0.3	- 75	- 51.0
Textile Products	216,581	3,223	1.5	+ 113	+ 3.6
Apparel Products	84,756	1,550	1.8	- 592	- 27.6
Lumber & Wood	38,081	540	1.4	- 2	- 0.4
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	772	0.9	- 379	- 32.9
Paper & Allied	21,833	104	0.5	- 10	- 8.8
Printing & Publishing	28,019	314	1.1	- 71	- 18.4
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	212	0.5	- 46	- 17.8
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	265	0.8	- 111	- 29.5
Leather Products	3,546	41	1.2	+ 3	+ 7.9
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	188	0.9	- 20	- 9.6
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	458	1.2	- 64	- 12.3
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	450	0.8	- 59	- 11.6
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	813	1.4	- 49	- 5.7
Transportation Equipment	23,786	482	2.0	+ 13	+ 2.8
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,850	191	1.1	- 75	- 28.2
Construction	155,142	2,508	1.6	- 539	- 17.7
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	807	0.6	- 170	- 17.4
Trade	624,651	3,870	0.6	- 808	- 17.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	671	0.6	- 99	- 12.9
Services	421,786	2,142	0.5	- 402	- 15.8
State Government	112,508	295	0.3	- 385	- 56.6
Local Government	254,873	554	0.2	- 651	- 54.0
Other 3/	xxx	3,011	xxx	- 435	- 12.6

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

October 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	16,524	15,533	605	8	1,384
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	742	442	1	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,812	1,790	7	3	28
Sales Occupations	604	581	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	131	104	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	2,369	2,289	0	0	11
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	1,157	658	528	0	6
Processing Occupations	1,326	1,322	10	1	5
Machine Trade Occupations	1,927	1,931	3	2	63
Benchwork Occupations	2,613	2,636	0	0	3
Structural Work Occupations	1,767	1,739	5	1	1,215
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	319	303	6	0	27
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	3,318	3,004	47	1	36
Miscellaneous Occupations	52	45	0	0	1

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions**

October 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
7,520	980	2,548	148	3,063	348	705
51	6	72	9	191	107	209
293	198	711	89	407	94	221
18	14	487	7	54	0	1
0	0	0	1	101	2	5
117	59	759	15	1,273	105	186
5	0	12	11	94	2	16
1,266	2	14	0	24	1	1
1,734	9	49	1	71	6	9
2,394	0	32	0	230	0	0
362	29	27	14	121	12	19
37	124	68	0	40	10	12
1,548	540	361	1	525	4	20
20	6	2	0	11	5	9

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

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Figure 5

*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

October 1986-October 1987

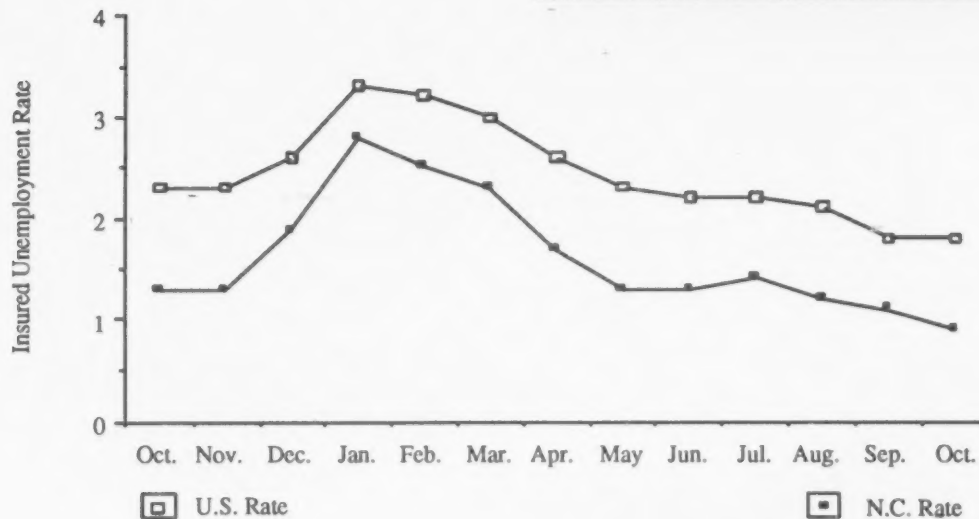
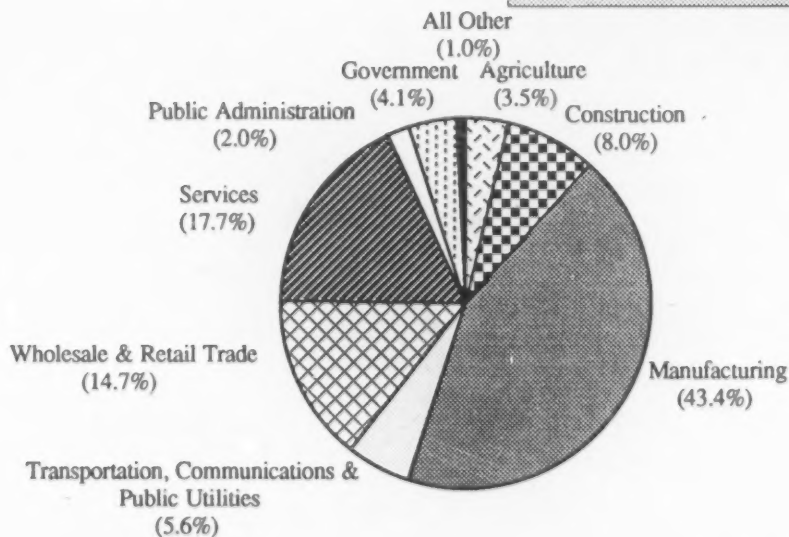


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

October 1987



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,878.6	2,858.3	2,782.3	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	861.8	860.8	839.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
Durable Goods	350.0	347.8	338.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Lumber and Wood Products	37.3	37.3	37.4	0.0	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	89.4	88.9	85.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.7	21.7	20.7	0.0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.7	11.6	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
Fabricated Metal Products	27.4	27.2	26.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.6
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.3	57.7	56.0	+ 1.0	+ 4.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	60.4	59.9	60.2	+ 0.8	+ 0.3
Transportation Equipment	26.0	25.8	23.7	+ 0.8	+ 9.7
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.9	17.6	16.9	+ 1.7	+ 5.9
Nondurable Goods	511.8	513.0	501.1	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	48.3	48.0	47.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	26.3	27.4	29.0	- 4.0	- 9.3
Textile Mill Products	221.0	221.8	212.7	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	92.4	91.9	90.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Paper and Allied Products	22.0	22.1	21.9	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Printing and Publishing	27.7	27.8	27.3	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.5	37.6	37.4	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.8	31.7	30.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.7	4.7	4.3	0.0	+ 9.3

* Revised.

** Less than 0.05 Percent.

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2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina**

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,016.9	1,997.5	1,943.1	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	170.4	170.2	162.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	137.0	136.5	135.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.2	75.8	74.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.7	56.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5
Wholesale and Retail Trade	643.0	638.1	617.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	147.7	146.9	143.5	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Retail Trade	495.3	491.2	473.7	+ 0.8	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	128.4	128.7	121.2	- 0.2	+ 5.9
Service and Miscellaneous 2/	485.8	482.0	463.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	27.3	27.8	27.3	- 1.8	0.0
Total Government	447.3	437.0	439.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.9
Federal	52.2	52.3	52.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
State	131.1	124.5	127.9	+ 5.3	+ 2.5
Local	264.0	260.2	259.1	+ 1.5	+ 1.9

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

October 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$326.98	\$323.46	\$310.78	41.6	41.1	41.0	\$ 7.86	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.58
DURABLE GOODS	342.36	332.52	324.66	41.7	40.8	41.2	8.21	8.15	7.88
Lumber & Wood Products	286.18	275.42	271.99	41.0	39.8	40.9	6.98	6.92	6.65
Furniture & Fixtures	293.30	285.65	282.30	40.4	39.4	40.1	7.26	7.25	7.04
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	385.39	373.47	355.73	43.4	42.2	42.5	8.88	8.85	8.37
Primary Metal Industries	385.63	397.38	375.53	41.6	42.5	42.1	9.27	9.35	8.92
Fabricated Metal Industries	409.16	366.13	352.35	42.4	41.7	41.6	9.65	8.78	8.47
Machinery, exc. Electrical	382.67	378.35	365.37	42.9	42.8	41.9	8.92	8.84	8.72
Electrical Machinery	378.75	373.09	363.30	42.7	41.5	42.0	8.87	8.99	8.65
Transportation Equipment	378.25	361.90	362.02	42.5	40.8	41.9	8.90	8.87	8.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	317.82	317.24	302.99	41.6	41.2	41.0	7.64	7.70	7.39
Food & Kindred Products	286.44	282.30	264.42	40.4	40.1	39.0	7.09	7.04	6.78
Tobacco Manufacturers	516.57	501.96	473.17	42.1	39.4	39.3	12.27	12.74	12.04
Textile Mill Products	297.93	294.98	284.43	42.5	42.2	42.2	7.01	6.99	6.74
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	212.08	207.35	201.98	38.7	37.7	38.4	5.48	5.50	5.26
Paper & Allied Products	506.21	527.31	517.96	44.6	46.5	46.0	11.35	11.34	11.26
Printing & Publishing	362.22	375.84	340.07	39.5	40.5	38.6	9.17	9.28	8.81
Chemicals & Allied Products	443.27	452.66	421.17	43.5	43.4	41.7	10.19	10.43	10.10
Plastics & Synthetics	464.61	500.64	470.98	43.3	44.7	42.7	10.73	11.20	11.03
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	415.48	418.89	377.57	43.1	42.7	41.4	9.64	9.81	9.12
MINING	401.88	402.69	364.01	46.3	46.5	44.5	8.68	8.66	8.18
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	524.41	535.86	498.61	42.6	42.8	41.9	12.31	12.52	11.90
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	209.63	211.90	205.36	32.3	32.6	32.7	6.49	6.50	6.28
Wholesale Trade	335.20	334.36	327.16	40.0	39.9	39.8	8.38	8.38	8.22
Retail Trade	175.46	178.98	172.48	30.2	30.7	30.8	5.81	5.83	5.60
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	151.03	147.22	146.48	31.4	30.8	31.1	4.81	4.78	4.71

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

October 1987

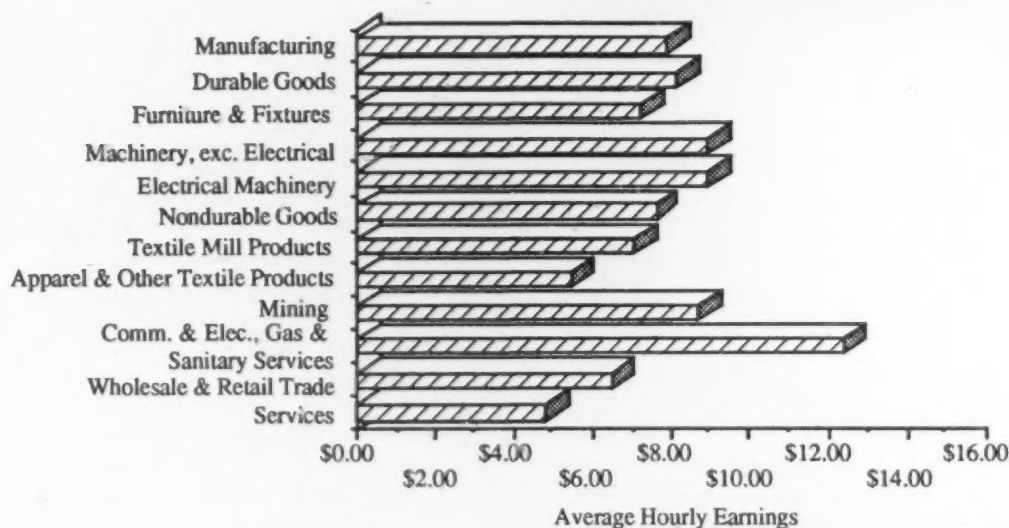


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
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Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

October 1987

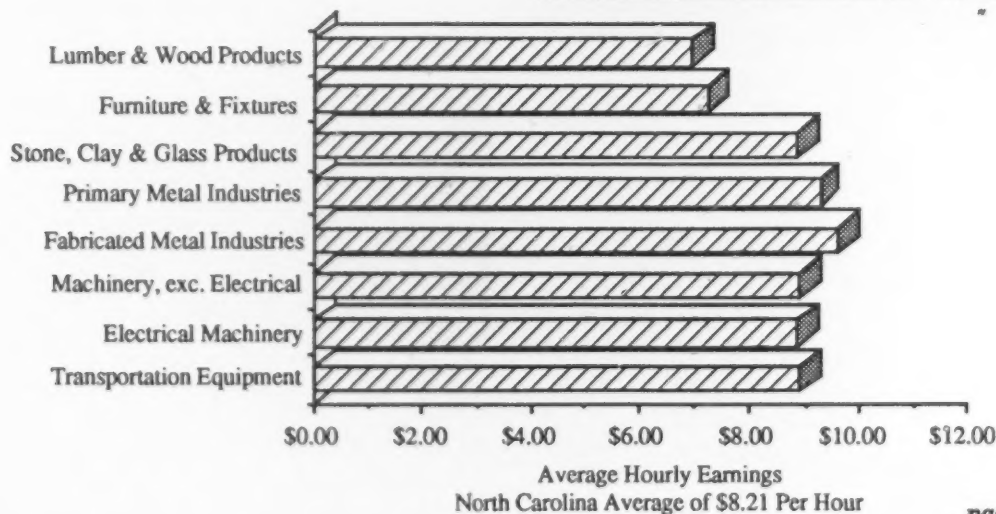


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

October 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Oct. 1987	Sep.* 1987	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1986
Manufacturing	683.3	682.6	666.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Durable Goods	263.5	261.9	255.8	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Lumber and Wood Products	31.7	31.8	31.8	- 0.3	- 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	78.1	77.7	75.1	+ 0.5	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.6	0.0	+ 6.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.6	8.5	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 4.9
Fabricated Metal Products	20.6	20.4	19.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.6
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.1	28.8	28.5	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.6	43.0	44.0	+ 1.4	- 0.9
Transportation Equipment	21.1	21.0	19.1	+ 0.5	+ 10.5
Other Durable Goods	13.3	13.1	12.8	+ 1.5	+ 3.9
Nondurable Goods	419.8	420.7	410.4	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Food and Kindred Products	34.5	34.1	33.8	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.0	21.8	23.0	- 3.7	- 8.7
Textile Mill Products	195.5	196.2	188.2	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.6	80.1	79.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Paper and Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.4	0.0	+ 1.2
Printing and Publishing	17.2	17.3	16.8	- 0.6	+ 2.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.5	24.4	- 0.4	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.1	26.1	25.1	0.0	+ 4.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	+ 8.3

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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 3.9 percent in November remained unchanged from the prior month. Nationally the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the month was 5.9, dropping 0.1 percent from the October rate of 6.0. From November a year ago, the state's unemployment rate was down 1.5 from 5.4 percent, and the national rate dropped 1.0 percent from 6.9.

The state's civilian labor force seasonally adjusted to 3,336,000 in November represented a net decrease of 14,000 from the October estimate of 3,350,000. Increasing 4.2 percent, the civilian labor force grew by 135,000 from the November 1986 figure of 3,201,000 to the November 1987 estimate.

After seasonal adjustments, employment showed a decline of 13,000 workers falling from 3,218,000 in October to 3,205,000 in November. The decrease amounted to a 0.4 percent loss. From November 1986, however, the number of employed persons increased by 176,000, or a 5.8 percent increase. Over the month, the number of persons unemployed was down 1,000, and from November 1986, the number unemployed decreased by 41,000.

Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment reached 2,864,100 in November, an increase of 13,500 from October. The month's growth in the nonmanufacturing sector (+9,600 or 0.5 percent) accounted for slightly over 71 percent of the employment increase. Leading the nonmanufacturing sector in employment growth were trade (+4,100), construction (+1,900), and service and miscellaneous (+1,900). Manufacturing employment increased 3,900 from October to November with the same growth rate as nonmanufacturing (+0.5 percent). The food industry's and the textile industry's employment was up 800 each over the month. Most industry divisions posted smaller gains. From November a year ago, nonagricultural employment increased by 3.7 percent (+102,800); nonmanufacturing by 3.9 percent (+75,300); and manufacturing by 3.3

percent (+27,500). Trade employment experienced a net yearly growth of 26,400, and the service and miscellaneous industry posted a gain of 21,800 workers. Over-the-year employment gains in textiles and apparel were 8,200 and 5,100, respectively.

At 27,969, the weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance in November was up 3,958 from October. Higher weeks claimed were reported in most industries of primary attachment than were reported the prior month. Claims filed by industry of attachment were highest in trade (+4,560), textiles (+3,723), construction (+3,193), services (+2,645), and apparel (+1,760).

Total individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission in November numbered 11,160. There were 1,957 individuals placed in the service industry and 1,831 placed in trade. Placements in manufacturing industries amounted to 5,391. Individuals placed by occupation were highest in packaging and material handling (+2,094) and in benchwork (+1,958).

Production workers in manufacturing earned an average of six cents more per hour in November than in October. Tobacco workers saw an over-the-month increase of \$1.10 an hour, while those in chemicals, electrical machinery, and transportation equipment earned \$.17, \$.09, and \$.08 more an hour, respectively. Average weekly earnings were up \$4.08 over the month, and the average weekly hours increased by 0.2. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers in hotels earned \$.09 more an hour in November than in October. From November 1986 average hourly earnings for production workers were up \$1.12 in fabricated metals; \$.63 in tobacco; \$.36 in printing; and \$.33 in textiles. Mining workers received \$.59 more an hour in November 1987 than they did a year ago.

There was an increase of 1,300 as the number of production workers rose from 683,300 in October to 684,600 in November. There was a gain of production workers in durable goods, while the number decreased in nondurables. Gains and losses were small throughout the manufacturing industries. From November 1986, the number of production workers increased by 17,900 as additions were posted in both durable and nondurable goods. Growth in the number of production workers was largest in textiles (+7,100) followed by furniture (+3,200). Of the published industry divisions, only the electrical machinery and tobacco industries lost production workers over the year.



Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Table 1

<u>Seasonally Adjusted</u>	Reference Month:	Time Series Data:					
	Previous Year	June 1987 through November 1987					
	Nov. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,785	4,836	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861	4,867
Civilian Labor Force	3,201	3,292	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350	3,336
Participation Rate 1/	66.9	68.1	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9	68.5
Employed	3,029	3,143	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218	3,205
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.3	65.0	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2	65.9
Unemployed	172	149	151	141	131	132	131
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

<u>Not Seasonally Adjusted</u>	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: September 1987 through November 1987			
		Nov. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,785		4,854	4,861	4,867
Civilian Labor Force	3,204		3,303	3,354	3,336
Participation Rate 1/	67.0		68.0	69.0	68.5
Employed	3,031		3,187	3,225	3,202
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	63.3		65.7	66.3	65.8
Unemployed	174		116	129	134
Unemployment Rate	5.4		3.5	3.9	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.4		1.1	0.9	INA*

* Information not available.

1/ The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

2/ The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

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Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
June 1987 through November 1987

	Nov. 1986	June 1987	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,363	182,703	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311	183,470
Civilian Labor Force	118,675	119,517	119,952	120,302	119,861	120,361	120,616
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.4	65.6	65.7	65.4	65.7	65.7
Employed	110,432	112,257	112,727	113,081	112,772	113,187	113,500
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.9	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.7	61.9
Unemployed	8,243	7,260	7,224	7,221	7,089	7,174	7,116
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
September 1987 through November 1987

	Nov. 1986	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,363	183,161	183,311	183,470
Civilian Labor Force	118,623	119,884	120,744	120,611
Participation Rate 1/	65.4	65.5	65.9	65.7
Employed	110,751	113,027	113,898	113,809
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	61.1	61.7	62.1	62.0
Unemployed	7,872	6,857	6,845	6,802
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.7	5.7	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.5	1.8	1.8	INA*

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

November 1986-November 1987

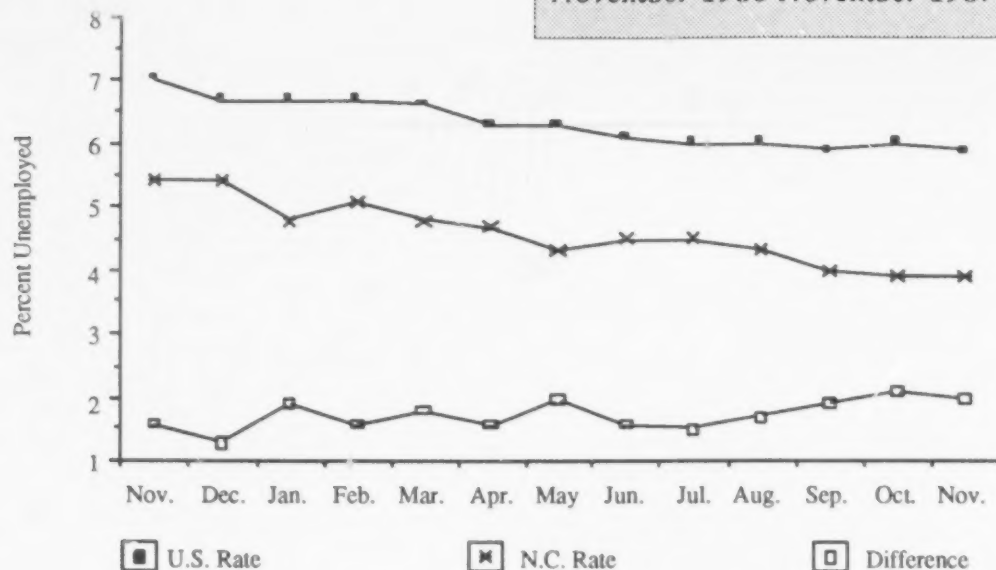


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

November 1986-November 1987

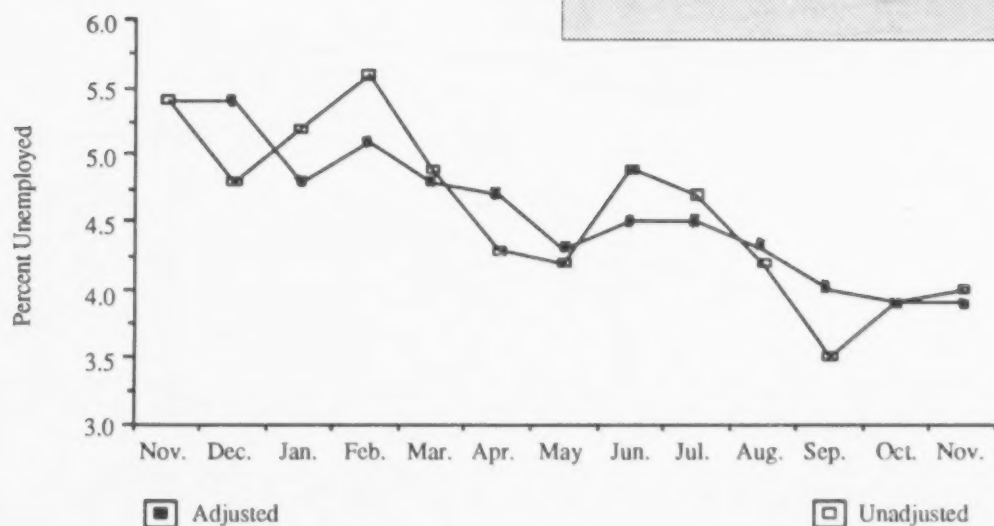


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

November 1987 ^{1/}

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	October 1987 Net	October 1987 Percent	November 1986 Net	November 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ^{2/}	3,335.8	3,354.1	3,204.2	- 18.3	- 0.5	+ 131.6	+ 4.1
Unemployment, Total	134.1	129.2	173.7	+ 4.9	+ 3.8	- 39.6	- 22.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	3.9	5.4	+ 0.1	-----	- 1.4	-----
Employment, Total	3,201.7	3,224.9	3,030.5	- 23.2	- 0.7	+ 171.2	+ 5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ^{2/}	3,336.0	3,350.0	3,201.0	- 14.0	- 0.4	+ 135.0	+ 4.2
Unemployment, Total	131.0	132.0	172.0	- 1.0	- 0.8	- 41.0	- 23.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.9	3.9	5.4	0.0	-----	- 1.5	-----
Employment, Total	3,205.0	3,218.0	3,029.0	- 13.0	- 0.4	+ 176.0	+ 5.8
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,864.1	2,850.6	2,761.3	+ 13.5	+ 0.5	+ 102.8	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	861.1	857.2	833.6	+ 3.9	+ 0.5	+ 27.5	+ 3.3
Durable Goods	351.8	350.2	338.5	+ 1.6	+ 0.5	+ 13.3	+ 3.9
Lumber & Wood Products	37.5	37.4	37.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
Furniture & Fixtures	89.5	89.5	85.6	0.0	0.0	+ 3.9	+ 4.6
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.5	21.5	20.8	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Primary Metals	11.8	11.7	11.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
Fabricated Metals	27.6	27.5	26.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.9
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.9	58.5	56.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.8	+ 5.0
Electrical Machinery	60.7	60.3	60.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Transportation Equipment	26.7	26.1	24.6	+ 0.6	+ 2.3	+ 2.1	+ 8.5
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	17.6	17.7	16.6	- 0.1	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 6.0

* Revised.

^{1/} Data for the current month are preliminary.

^{2/} Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.

^{3/} This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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Table 3

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

November 1987 ^{1/}

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	October 1987		November 1986			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Nondurable Goods	509.3	507.0	495.1	+	2.3	+	0.5	+	2.9
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	47.3	47.0	+	0.8	+	1.7	+	2.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.1	23.5	26.4	+	0.6	+	2.6	-	8.7
Textile Mill Products	221.4	220.6	213.2	+	0.8	+	0.4	+	3.8
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.5	91.3	86.4	+	0.2	+	0.2	+	5.9
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	21.9	+	0.2	+	0.9	+	1.8
Printing & Publishing	27.8	27.8	27.4		0.0		0.0	+	1.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.6	37.4		0.0		0.0	+	0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.0	32.1	31.1	-	0.1	-	0.3	+	2.9
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	4.5	4.7	4.3	-	0.2	-	4.3	+	4.7
Nonmanufacturing	2,003.0	1,993.4	1,927.7	+	9.6	+	0.5	+	3.9
Mining	4.8	4.9	4.7	-	0.1	-	2.0	+	2.1
Construction	168.9	167.0	160.0	+	1.9	+	1.1	+	5.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.1	135.6	134.4	+	1.5	+	1.1	+	2.0
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.1	74.9	73.3	+	1.2	+	1.6	+	3.8
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.9	56.7	56.7	+	0.2	+	0.4	+	0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	642.1	638.0	615.7	+	4.1	+	0.6	+	4.3
Wholesale Trade	146.8	144.6	142.4	+	2.2	+	1.5	+	3.1
Retail Trade	495.3	493.4	473.3	+	1.9	+	0.4	+	4.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.6	128.9	121.8	+	0.7	+	0.5	+	6.4
Service & Miscellaneous ^{5/}	484.4	482.5	462.6	+	1.9	+	0.4	+	4.7
Total Government	436.1	436.5	428.5	-	0.4	-	0.1	+	1.8
Federal	52.2	52.1	51.8	+	0.1	+	0.2	+	0.8
State	126.4	127.1	124.7	-	0.7	-	0.6	+	1.4
Local	257.5	257.3	252.0	+	0.2	+	0.1	+	2.2
All Other Nonag. Employment ^{6/}	251.9	260.4	251.9	-	8.5	-	3.3	0.0	0.0
Agriculture	41.7	53.4	44.8	-	11.7	-	21.9	-	6.9

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Figure 3

**Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

November 1987

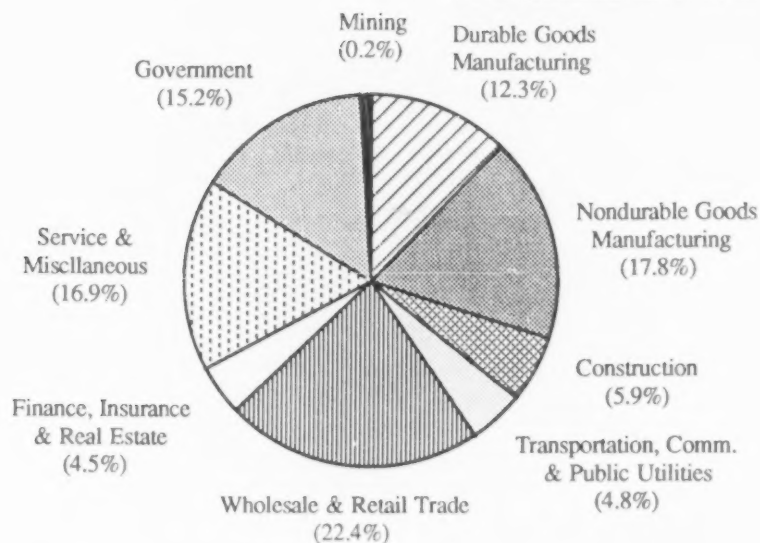


Figure 4

**Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)**

November 1987

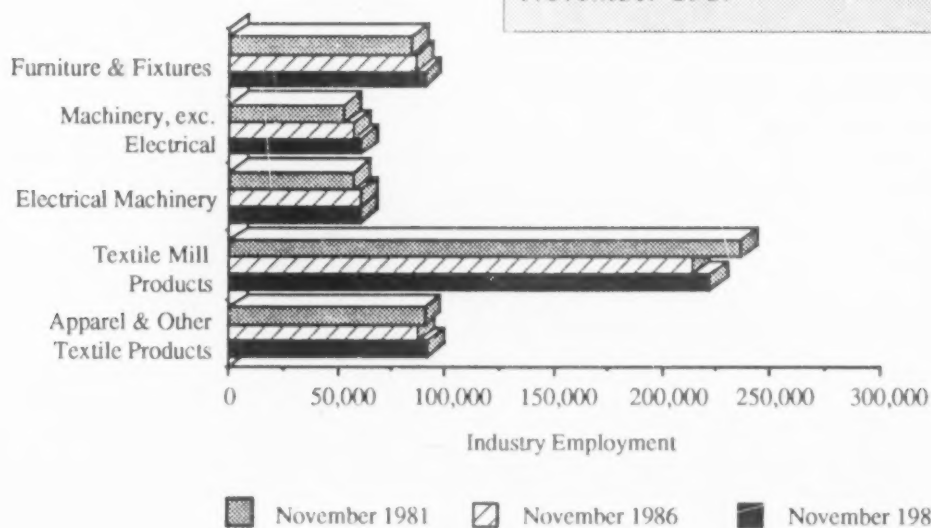


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector ^{1/}

November 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	27,969	1.0	+ 3,958	+ 16.5
Manufacturing Total	835,937	11,647	1.4	+ 1,494	+ 14.7
Food Products	47,574	633	1.3	+ 155	+ 32.4
Tobacco	24,997	91	0.4	+ 19	+ 26.4
Textile Products	216,581	3,723	1.7	+ 500	+ 15.5
Apparel Products	84,756	1,760	2.1	+ 210	+ 13.5
Lumber & Wood	38,081	860	2.3	+ 320	+ 59.3
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	782	0.9	+ 10	+ 1.3
Paper & Allied	21,833	118	0.5	+ 14	+ 13.5
Printing & Publishing	28,019	312	1.1	- 2	- 0.6
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	241	0.6	+ 29	+ 13.7
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	384	1.2	+ 119	+ 44.9
Leather Products	3,546	27	0.8	- 14	- 34.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	240	1.2	+ 52	+ 27.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	426	1.1	- 32	- 7.0
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	460	0.8	+ 10	+ 2.2
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	925	1.6	+ 112	+ 13.8
Transportation Equipment	23,786	478	2.0	- 4	- 0.8
Other Manufacturing ^{2/}	17,850	187	1.0	- 4	- 2.1
Construction	155,142	3,193	2.1	+ 685	+ 27.3
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	920	0.7	+ 113	+ 14.0
Trade	624,651	4,560	0.7	+ 690	+ 17.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	769	0.6	+ 98	+ 14.6
Services	421,786	2,645	0.6	+ 503	+ 23.5
State Government	112,508	315	0.3	+ 20	+ 6.8
Local Government	254,873	606	0.2	+ 52	+ 9.4
Other ^{3/}	xxx	3,314	xxx	+ 303	+ 10.1

^{1/} These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

^{2/} "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

^{3/} "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

November 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	11,160	10,675	32	29	1,014
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	379	376	2	1	4
Clerical Occupations	1,342	1,314	4	1	24
Sales Occupations	416	370	1	0	0
Domestic Service Occupations	108	69	1	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,507	1,377	2	0	11
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	531	346	278	0	21
Processing Occupations	923	916	5	17	0
Machine Trade Occupations	1,463	1,457	7	2	24
Benchwork Occupations	1,958	1,933	0	0	0
Structural Work Occupations	1,306	1,282	2	1	869
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	258	254	4	1	21
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	2,094	1,977	28	6	48
Miscellaneous Occupations	49	49	0	0	0

1/ The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

2/ The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

3/ A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions**

November 1987 1/

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,391	589	1,831	106	1,957	288	601
44	10	42	11	165	102	169
223	151	526	56	290	72	204
13	7	314	5	28	4	6
0	0	1	0	67	0	5
80	5	461	15	794	43	124
8	0	15	5	10	11	10
858	0	30	2	4	3	4
1,325	8	51	0	41	2	6
1,749	0	38	1	159	0	0
288	13	28	12	83	28	28
25	99	66	0	31	12	16
1,041	275	304	0	334	5	23
10	28	0	0	4	7	7

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November 1986-November 1987

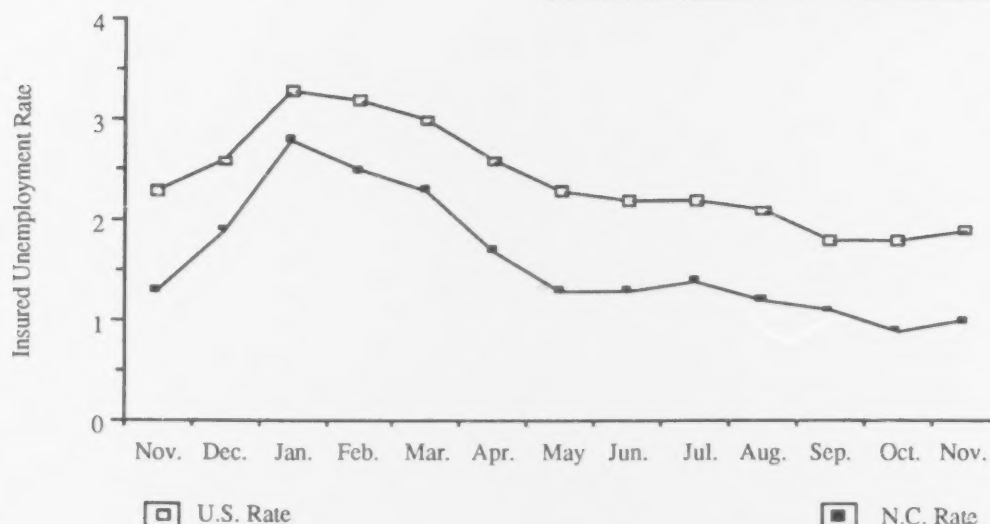
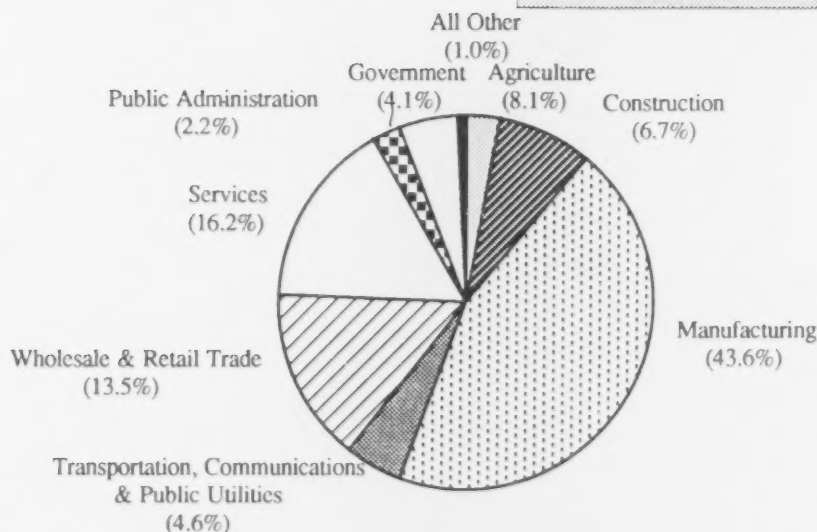


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

November 1987



Appendix

*Table I Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted)
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of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers
in North Carolina*

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*Figure II Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared
to the North Carolina Average*

*Table III Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing
Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

November 1987 ^{1/}

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,891.1	2,880.1	2,791.7	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	863.8	861.8	839.8	+ 0.2	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	352.3	350.0	339.1	+ 0.7	+ 3.9
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.3	37.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	90.1	89.5	86.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.5
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.7	21.7	20.9	0.0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.8	11.7	11.0	+ 0.9	+ 7.3
Fabricated Metal Products	27.7	27.4	26.4	+ 1.1	+ 4.9
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.3	55.9	+ 0.7	+ 5.0
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	60.7	60.4	60.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Transportation Equipment	26.4	26.0	24.3	+ 1.5	+ 8.6
Other Durable Goods ^{2/}	17.7	17.8	16.7	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Nondurable Goods	511.5	511.8	500.7	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	48.5	48.2	47.4	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.4	26.3	27.8	- 3.4	+ 8.6
Textile Mill Products	221.6	221.0	213.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	92.3	92.4	90.3	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Paper and Allied Products	22.2	22.1	21.8	+ 0.5	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	27.9	27.7	27.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Chemicals and Allied Products	37.4	37.6	37.2	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.7	31.8	30.8	- 0.3	+ 2.9
Other Nondurable Goods ^{3/}	4.5	4.7	4.3	- 4.3	+ 4.7

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Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina**

November 1987 ^{1/}

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,027.3	2,018.3	1,952.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.9
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	+ 2.1
Construction	170.6	170.8	161.6	- 0.1	+ 5.6
Transportation and Public Utilities	137.6	137.0	135.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.8	76.4	74.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.8
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	56.8	56.6	56.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	649.4	643.4	623.0	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Wholesale Trade	147.2	147.5	142.7	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Retail Trade	502.2	495.9	480.2	+ 1.3	+ 4.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	129.5	129.0	121.7	+ 0.4	+ 6.4
Service and Miscellaneous ^{4/}	483.4	485.9	461.7	- 0.5	+ 4.7
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	26.7	27.3	26.7	- 2.2	0.0
Total Government	451.9	447.3	444.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Federal	52.2	52.2	51.8	0.0	+ 0.8
State	133.2	130.9	131.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.3
Local	266.5	264.1	260.9	+ 0.9	+ 2.1

* Revised.

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^{2/} This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina 1/

November 1987 2/

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov.* 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$331.06	\$326.98	\$314.71	41.8	41.6	41.3	\$ 7.92	\$ 7.86	\$ 7.62
DURABLE GOODS	343.60	341.54	327.47	41.8	41.6	41.4	8.22	8.21	7.91
Lumber & Wood Products	285.52	285.48	271.83	41.2	40.9	41.0	6.93	6.98	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	296.87	295.25	279.40	40.5	40.5	39.8	7.33	7.29	7.02
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	362.41	368.01	349.03	41.8	42.3	41.8	8.67	8.70	8.35
Primary Metal Industries	407.83	394.06	387.47	43.9	42.1	43.1	9.29	9.36	8.99
Fabricated Metal Industries	409.17	411.52	354.48	42.8	42.6	42.0	9.56	9.66	8.44
Machinery, exc. Electrical	377.11	383.59	377.56	43.0	43.1	43.1	8.77	8.90	8.76
Electrical Machinery	381.31	374.82	369.30	42.7	42.4	42.4	8.93	8.84	8.71
Transportation Equipment	391.53	378.25	372.77	43.6	42.5	42.7	8.98	8.90	8.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	322.76	317.82	306.94	41.7	41.6	41.2	7.74	7.64	7.45
Food & Kindred Products	288.75	283.79	268.11	40.9	40.6	38.8	7.06	6.99	6.91
Tobacco Manufacturers	557.11	516.15	487.56	41.7	42.1	38.3	13.36	12.26	12.73
Textile Mill Products	303.02	297.22	287.55	42.8	42.4	42.6	7.03	7.01	6.75
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	209.93	211.53	203.90	38.1	38.6	38.4	5.51	5.48	5.31
Paper & Allied Products	500.61	506.21	501.75	45.1	44.6	45.0	11.10	11.35	11.15
Printing & Publishing	370.52	365.64	352.54	40.1	39.7	39.7	9.24	9.21	8.88
Chemicals & Allied Products	454.46	451.26	429.42	43.2	43.6	42.1	10.52	10.35	10.20
Plastics & Synthetics	503.33	499.07	487.45	44.9	44.8	43.6	11.21	11.14	11.18
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	420.23	412.37	392.04	43.1	42.6	42.2	9.75	9.68	9.29
MINING	402.62	419.13	352.64	45.7	47.9	42.9	8.81	8.75	8.22
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	498.57	521.14	507.60	40.9	42.3	42.3	12.19	12.32	12.00
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	208.65	209.63	203.78	32.1	32.3	32.5	6.50	6.49	6.27
Wholesale Trade	334.96	335.91	323.53	39.5	39.8	39.6	8.48	8.44	8.17
Retail Trade	175.46	174.86	171.11	30.2	30.2	30.5	5.81	5.79	5.61
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	147.11	150.21	144.27	29.9	31.1	30.5	4.92	4.83	4.73

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

November 1987

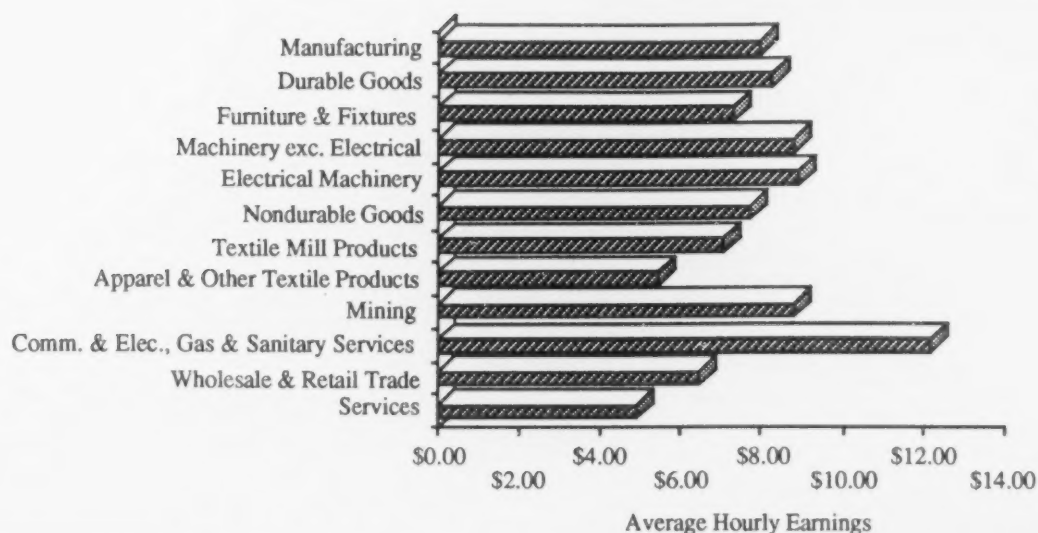


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

November 1987

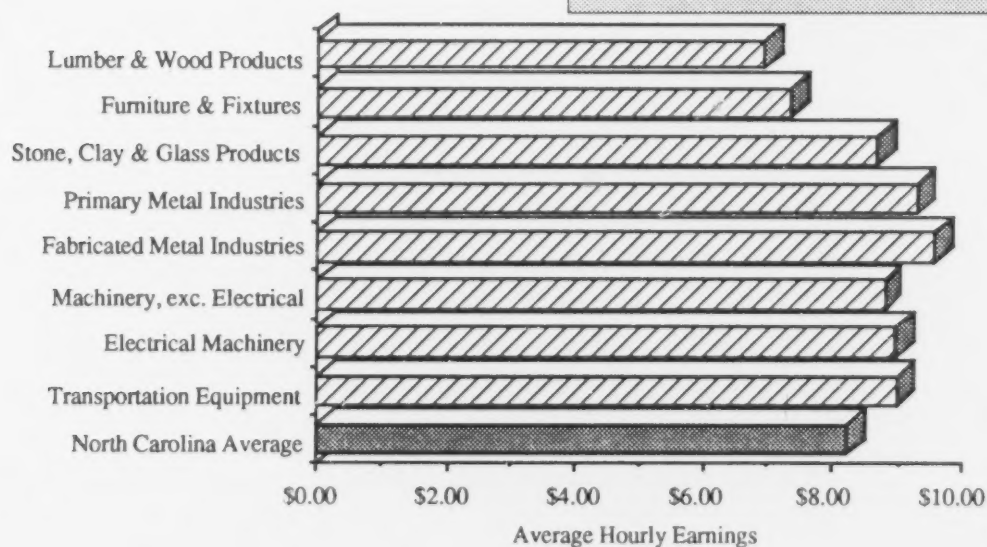


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

November 1987 ^{1/}

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Nov. 1987	Oct.* 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Manufacturing	684.6	683.3	666.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.7
Durable Goods	265.4	263.6	256.7	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Lumber and Wood Products	31.8	31.7	31.8	+ 0.3	0.0
Furniture and Fixtures	78.7	78.2	75.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.8	0.0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.5	8.2	+ 2.4	+ 6.1
Fabricated Metal Products	20.8	20.6	19.8	+ 1.0	+ 5.1
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.3	29.1	28.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.9	43.5	44.0	+ 0.9	- 0.2
Transportation Equipment	21.4	21.1	19.7	+ 1.4	+ 8.6
Other Durable Goods	13.1	13.3	12.6	- 1.5	+ 4.0
Nondurable Goods	419.2	419.6	410.0	- 0.1	+ 2.2
Food and Kindred Products	34.6	34.5	33.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.9	21.0	21.9	- 5.2	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	195.9	195.3	188.8	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.6	80.6	79.1	0.0	+ 1.9
Paper and Allied Products	16.7	16.7	16.4	0.0	+ 1.8
Printing and Publishing	17.3	17.1	17.0	+ 1.2	+ 1.8
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.4	24.3	0.0	+ 0.4
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.0	26.1	25.3	- 0.4	+ 2.8
Other Nondurable Goods ^{2/}	3.8	4.0	3.6	- 5.0	+ 5.6

* Revised.

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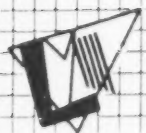
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HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina rose 0.7 percent from the November rate of 3.9 percent to reach 4.6 in December. Nationally, the adjusted rate of unemployment in December at 5.8 was 0.1 percent lower than the 5.9 percent recorded in November. From December 1986, the state's unemployment rate was down 0.8 percent from 5.4, and the national rate for the same period was 0.9 percent lower than the December 1986 rate of 6.7.

After seasonal adjustments, North Carolina's civilian labor force was 3,303,000 in December. The December estimate reflected a decrease of 33,000 persons from the November figure of 3,336,000 and an increase of 82,000 (+2.5 percent) from December 1986.

Employment in December, seasonally adjusted, decreased by 54,000 workers, dropping from 3,205,000 in November to 3,151,000. Gaining 103,000 workers from last December, the employment total represented a percentage increase of 3.4 over the December 1986 estimate of 3,048,000. Unemployment for the month was 152,000, an increase of 21,000 from November and a decrease of 21,000 from December 1986 when unemployment was 173,000.

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment posted an addition of 11,400 workers increasing from 2,863,000 in November to 2,875,200 in December. From November to December the rate of growth in employment was 0.4 percent in both manufacturing (+3,400 workers) and in nonmanufacturing (+8,000 workers). Employment was up in both durables and nondurables as most industries posted small gains. The largest gain was in tobacco (+1,000), followed by apparel (+800). In nonmanufacturing, the largest monthly employment gains occurred in construction (+2,900), service and miscellaneous (+2,800), and in wholesale trade (+2,100).

Over the year, industry employment showed a gain of 102,800 workers. The manufacturing sector added 30,500 workers, and the nonmanufacturing sector's employment was boosted by 72,300. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing experienced a growth rate of 3.7 percent. The largest employment increases in nonmanufacturing occurred in trade (+23,400) and in the service industry (+20,800). Worker gains in manufacturing were highest in textiles (+7,500) and in apparel (+5,800).

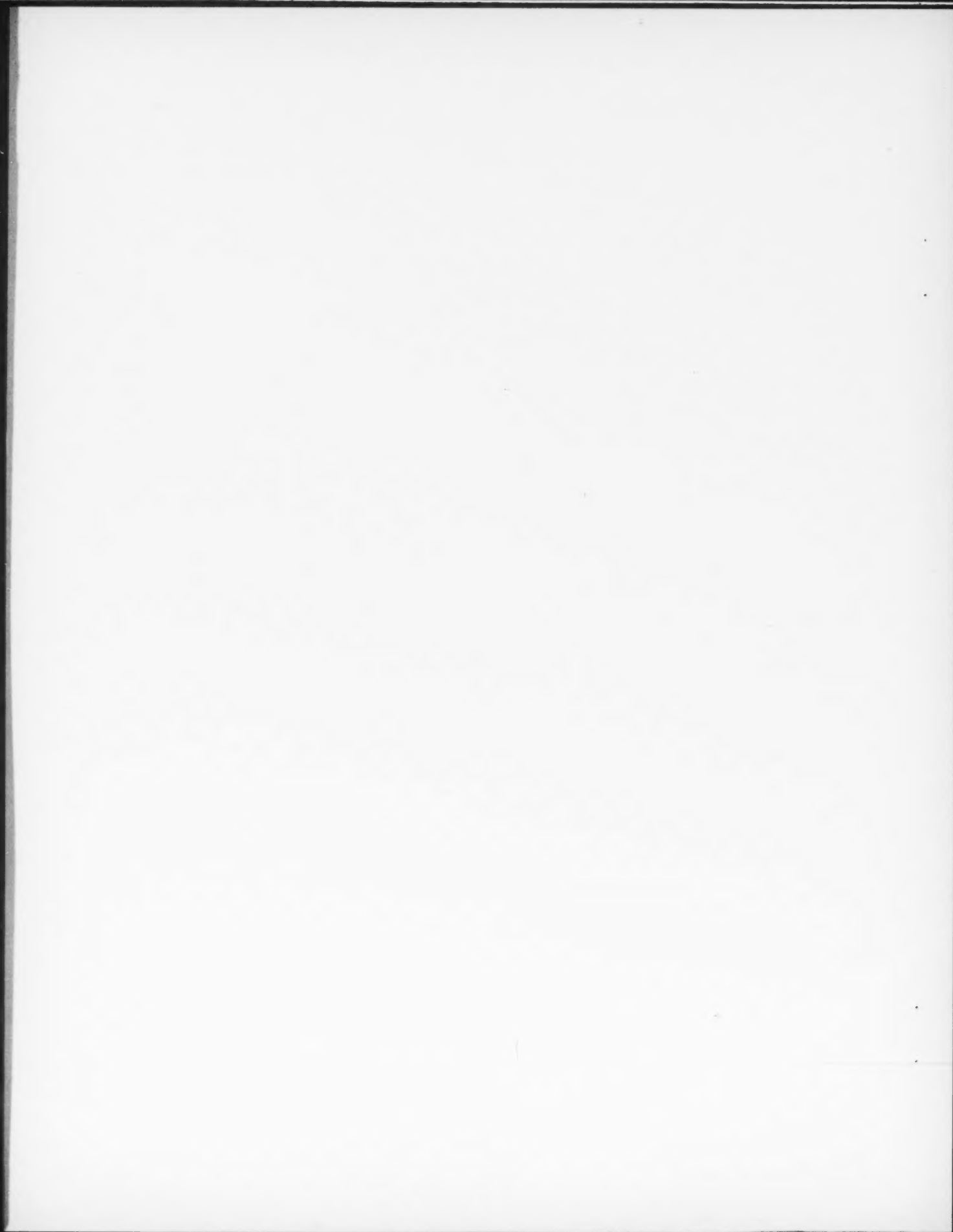
There were 39,692 weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits for the month ending December 31, 1987. This amounted to an over-the-month increase of 11,723. Weeks claimed by manufacturing workers increased by 6,828 with most of the increase by industry of attachment reported in textiles (+3,515) and apparel (+1,198). In nonmanufacturing, the construction and trade industries experienced the largest increases in weeks claimed with 1,449 and 1,220, respectively.

During December 1987, 10,115 individuals were placed in jobs through the North Carolina Employment Security Commission. The total was down slightly from the November figure of 11,160. By occupational groups, more than 1,800 individuals were placed in packaging and material handling (+1,893) and in benchwork (+1,825). There were 4,614 individuals placed in the manufacturing industry, followed by 2,187 in the service industry and 1,693 in the trade industry.

Production workers in manufacturing earned \$2.05 more a week in December than in November; they worked 0.1 of an hour more per week; and their average hourly earnings increased by \$.03 to reach \$7.96. Tobacco workers gained \$.51 more an hour, and those in the chemical industry averaged \$.20 more an hour. From the previous month, nonsupervisory workers in hotels and related averaged \$.14 more an hour, and retail employees gained \$.04.

With the exception of production workers in tobacco and plastics, those in all other manufacturing industry groups averaged more earnings an hour in December 1987 than a year ago. Workers in fabricated metals averaged \$1.03 more an hour, and more than \$.30 an hour more was realized by workers in stone, clay and glass; primary metals; printing; and chemicals. Over-the-year increases in hourly earnings in the nonmanufacturing sector ranged from \$.51 for mining workers to \$.17 for workers in trade.

Manufacturing employment gained 400 production workers over the month as durable goods added 1,200 and nondurable goods lost 800. With an addition of 600, the machinery, except electrical, industry gained the most production workers. From December a year ago, the number of production workers increased 20,000. A 6,600 increase in textiles and a 3,300 addition in furniture contributed about 50 percent of the overall gain in production workers from December 1986.



**Employment Status of the North
Carolina Civilian Population**

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Table 1

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
July 1987 through December 1987

	Dec. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,792	4,843	4,848	4,854	4,861	4,867	4,873
Civilian Labor Force	3,221	3,322	3,306	3,313	3,350	3,336	3,303
Participation Rate ¹	67.2	68.6	68.2	68.3	68.9	68.5	67.8
Employed	3,048	3,171	3,165	3,182	3,218	3,205	3,151
Employment-Population Ratio ²	63.6	65.5	65.3	65.6	66.2	65.9	64.7
Unemployed	173	151	141	131	132	131	152
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.6
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1987 through December 1987

	Dec. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,792	4,861	4,867	4,873
Civilian Labor Force	3,219	3,354	3,336	3,298
Participation Rate ¹	67.2	69.0	68.5	67.7
Employed	3,063	3,225	3,202	3,161
Employment-Population Ratio ²	63.9	66.3	65.8	64.9
Unemployed	155	129	134	137
Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.9	4.0	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	1.9	0.9	1.0	INA ⁴

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

⁴Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
July 1987 through December 1987

	Dec. 1986	July 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,547	182,885	183,002	183,161	183,311	183,470	183,620
Civilian Labor Force	118,576	119,952	120,306	119,963	120,387	120,594	120,722
Participation Rate ¹	65.3	65.6	65.7	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7
Employed	110,657	112,727	113,050	112,872	113,210	113,504	113,744
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.0	61.6	61.8	61.6	61.8	61.9	61.9
Unemployed	7,919	7,224	7,256	7,091	7,177	7,090	6,978
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	INA ⁴

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1987 through December 1987

	Dec. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,547	183,311	183,470	183,620
Civilian Labor Force	118,049	120,744	120,611	120,206
Participation Rate ¹	65.0	65.9	65.7	65.5
Employed	110,588	113,898	113,809	113,679
Employment-Population Ratio ²	60.9	62.1	62.0	61.9
Unemployed	7,461	6,845	6,802	6,526
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.7	5.6	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.5	1.8	1.9	INA ⁴

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

December 1986-December 1987

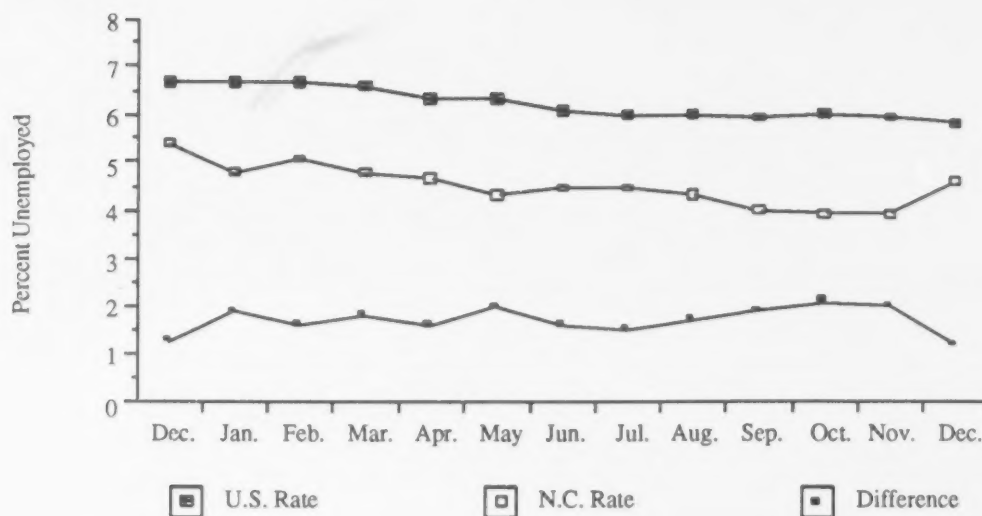


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

December 1986-December 1987

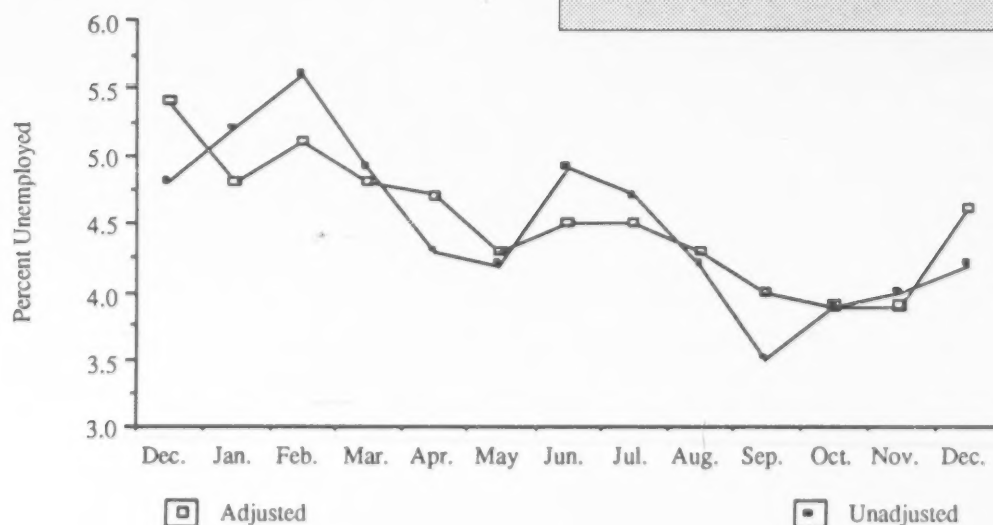


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1987¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ² 1987	Dec. 1986	November 1987		December 1986			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)									
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,298.2	3,335.8	3,218.7	- 37.6	- 1.1	+ 79.5	+ 2.5		
Unemployment, Total	136.9	134.1	155.3	+ 2.8	+ 2.1	- 18.4	- 11.8		
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.0	4.8	+ 0.2	-----	- 0.6	-----		
Employment, Total	3,161.3	3,201.7	3,063.4	- 40.4	- 1.3	+ 97.9	+ 3.2		
(Seasonally Adjusted)									
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,303.0	3,336.0	3,221.0	- 33.0	- 1.0	+ 82.0	+ 2.5		
Unemployment, Total	152.0	131.0	173.0	+ 21.0	+ 16.0	- 21.0	- 12.1		
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.6	3.9	5.4	+ 0.7	-----	- 0.8	-----		
Employment, Total	3,151.0	3,205.0	3,048.0	- 54.0	- 1.7	+ 103.0	+ 3.4		
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,875.2	2,863.8	2,772.4	+ 11.4	+ 0.4	+ 102.8	+ 3.7		
Manufacturing	863.3	859.9	832.8	+ 3.4	+ 0.4	+ 30.5	+ 3.7		
Durable Goods	352.2	350.9	337.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.4	+ 14.6	+ 4.3		
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.1	37.4	0.0	0.0	- 0.3	- 0.8		
Furniture & Fixtures	89.8	89.5	85.7	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 4.8		
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.9	21.6	20.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.8		
Primary Metals	11.9	11.7	11.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 8.2		
Fabricated Metals	27.6	27.5	26.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 5.3		
Machinery, exc. Electrical	59.3	58.8	55.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 6.5		
Electrical Machinery	60.1	60.4	59.6	- 0.3	- 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8		
Transportation Equipment	26.9	26.7	24.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 2.3	+ 9.3		
Other Durable Goods ⁴	17.6	17.6	16.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.1	+ 6.7		

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.

⁴This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁵This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

⁶This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

⁷This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

⁸Less than .05 percent.

Industry Employment in North Carolina

December 1987¹

*(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)*

Table 3

(Continued)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ² 1987	Dec. 1986	November 1987		December 1986			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Nondurable Goods	511.1	509.0	495.2	+	2.1	+	0.4	+	3.2
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	47.9	46.6	+	0.2	+	0.4	+	3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	24.0	25.8	+	1.0	+	4.2	-	3.1
Textile Mill Products	221.3	221.2	213.8	+	0.1	xx ⁸		+	3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	92.3	91.5	86.5	+	0.8	+	0.9	+	6.7
Paper & Allied Products	21.8	22.2	22.0	-	0.4	-	1.8	-	0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.0	27.9	27.5	+	0.1	+	0.4	+	1.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.8	37.7	37.5	+	0.1	+	0.3	+	0.8
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	32.2	32.0	31.2	+	0.2	+	0.6	+	3.2
Other Nondurable Goods ⁵	4.6	4.6	4.3		0.0	+	0.0	+	7.0
Nonmanufacturing	2,011.9	2,003.9	1,939.6	+	8.0	+	0.4	+	3.7
Mining	5.0	4.8	4.7	+	0.2	+	4.2	+	6.4
Construction	172.2	169.3	161.6	+	2.9	+	1.7	+	6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.0	136.5	135.1	+	0.5	+	0.4	+	1.4
Transportation, exc. Railroad	76.4	75.9	73.8	+	0.5	+	0.7	+	3.5
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	56.6	56.6	56.8		0.0	-	0.2	-	0.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	642.4	642.7	619.0	-	0.3	xx ⁸		+	3.8
Wholesale Trade	149.4	147.3	143.5	+	2.1	+	1.4	+	4.1
Retail Trade	493.0	495.4	475.5	-	2.4	-	0.5	+	3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.1	129.3	122.4	+	0.8	+	0.6	+	6.3
Service & Miscellaneous ⁶	487.8	485.0	467.0	+	2.8	+	0.6	+	4.5
Total Government	437.4	436.3	430.1	+	1.1	+	0.3	+	1.7
Federal	52.8	52.6	52.0	+	0.2	+	0.4	+	1.5
State	125.7	125.9	124.2	-	0.2	-	0.2	+	1.2
Local	258.9	257.8	253.9	+	1.1	+	0.4	+	2.0
All Other Nonag. Employment ⁷	257.6	251.9	251.0	+	5.7	+	2.3	+	2.6
Agriculture	34.6	41.7	37.2	-	7.1	-	17.0	-	7.0

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

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⁷This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

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Figure 3

*Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

December 1987

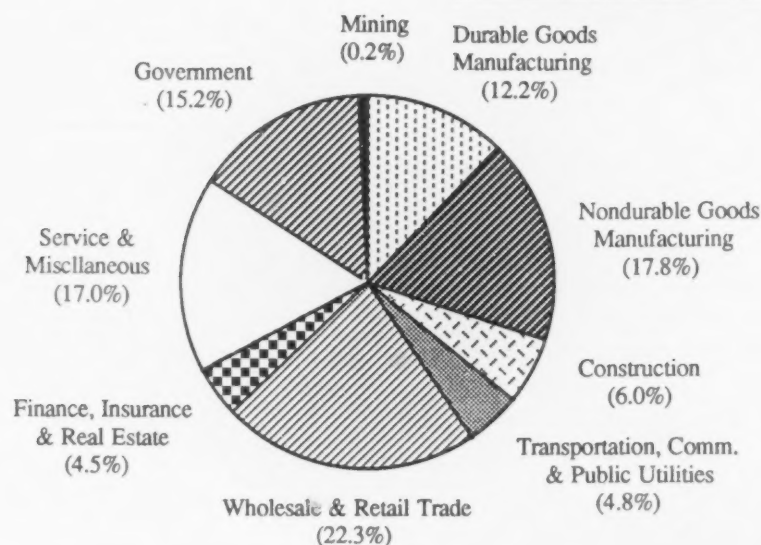


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*Employment Levels in Major
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December 1987

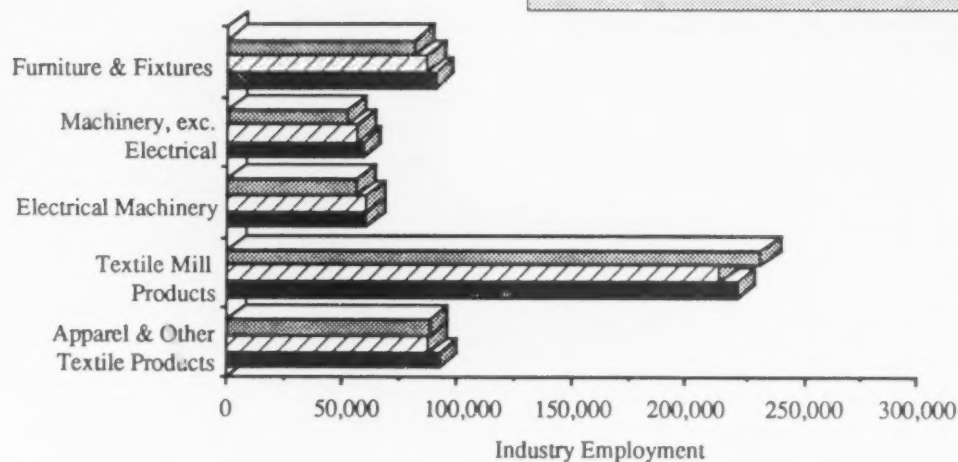


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

December 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,684,001	39,692	1.5	+ 11,723	+ 41.9
Manufacturing Total	835,937	18,475	2.2	+ 6,828	+ 58.6
Food Products	47,574	1,190	2.5	+ 557	+ 88.0
Tobacco	24,997	308	1.2	+ 217	+ 238.5
Textile Products	216,581	7,238	3.3	+ 3,515	+ 94.4
Apparel Products	84,756	2,958	3.5	+ 1,198	+ 68.1
Lumber & Wood	38,081	1,114	2.9	+ 254	+ 29.5
Furniture & Fixtures	86,428	916	1.1	+ 134	+ 17.1
Paper & Allied	21,833	197	0.9	+ 79	+ 66.9
Printing & Publishing	28,019	252	0.9	- 60	- 19.2
Chemicals & Allied	39,051	280	0.7	+ 39	+ 16.2
Rubber & Plastics	31,727	586	1.8	+ 202	+ 52.6
Leather Products	3,546	40	1.1	+ 13	+ 48.1
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,185	351	1.7	+ 111	+ 46.3
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,307	565	1.5	+ 139	+ 32.6
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,038	502	0.9	+ 42	+ 9.1
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,178	1,316	2.3	+ 391	+ 42.3
Transportation Equipment	23,786	386	1.6	- 92	- 19.2
Other Manufacturing ²	17,850	276	1.5	+ 89	+ 47.6
Construction	155,142	4,642	3.0	+ 1,449	+ 45.4
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	130,777	1,132	0.9	+ 212	+ 23.0
Trade	624,651	5,780	0.9	+ 1,220	+ 26.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	118,945	908	0.8	+ 139	+ 18.1
Services	421,786	3,567	0.8	+ 922	+ 34.9
State Government	112,508	369	0.3	+ 54	+ 17.1
Local Government	254,873	639	0.3	+ 33	+ 5.4
Other ³	xxx	4,180	xxx	+ 866	+ 26.1

¹These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

²"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

³"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

December 1987¹

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2, 3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,115	9,946	330	5	960
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	359	356	6	0	8
Clerical Occupations	1,257	1,242	3	0	10
Sales Occupations	371	368	1	1	1
Domestic Service Occupations	104	78	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,556	1,516	1	0	5
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	408	375	285	0	1
Processing Occupations	625	623	5	0	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,324	1,323	2	1	28
Benchwork Occupations	1,825	1,811	0	0	1
Structural Work Occupations	1,333	1,296	17	1	854
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	362	338	8	0	19
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,893	1,793	11	2	47
Miscellaneous Occupations	26	26	1	0	0

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions**

December 1987¹

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,614	670	1,693	94	2,187	322	614
57	3	60	2	140	82	121
152	255	447	51	281	84	248
6	18	301	8	31	1	0
0	1	0	0	74	3	8
83	19	592	14	750	93	143
54	1	7	4	18	6	5
550	21	22	0	26	0	1
1,186	6	38	0	63	5	8
1,602	1	22	1	199	0	9
308	11	28	14	89	17	24
36	173	65	0	40	6	12
891	167	158	1	536	19	27
10	4	0	0	4	7	12

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*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
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December 1986-December 1987

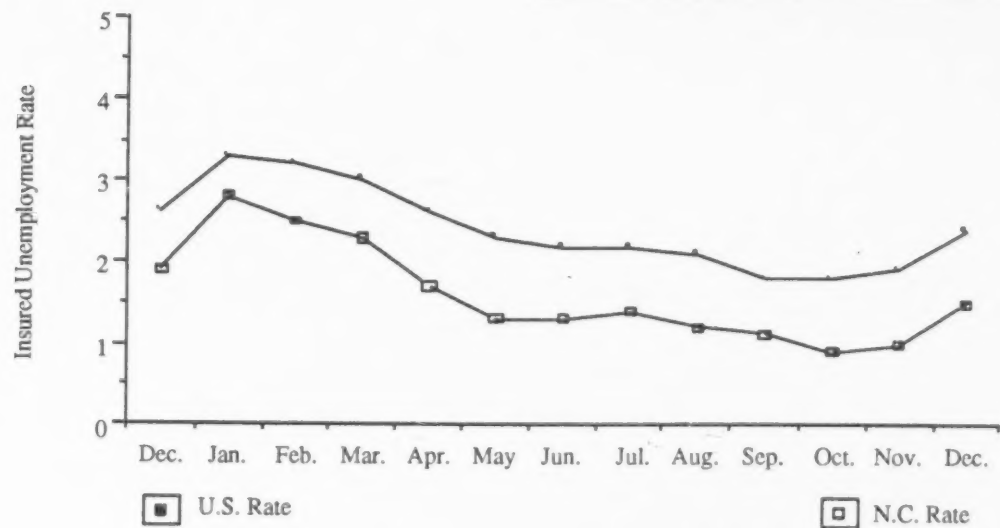
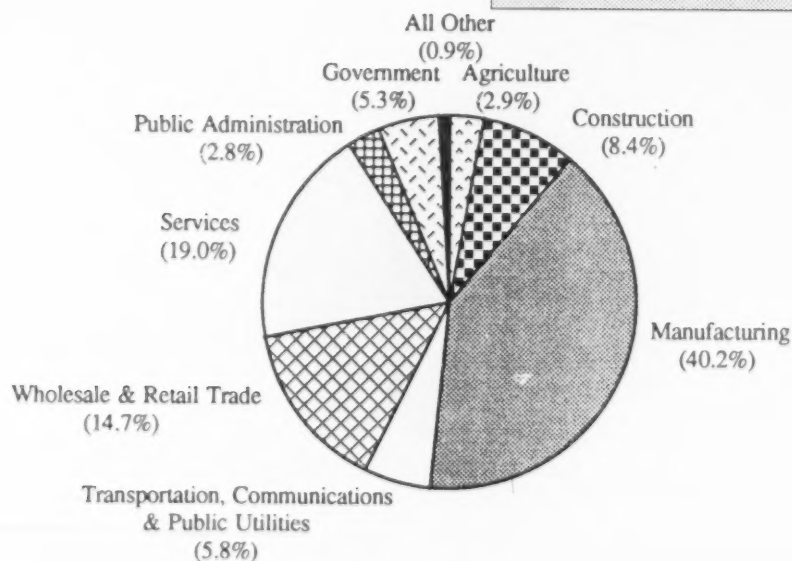


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

December 1987



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

December 1987¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ² 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,897.1	2,890.6	2,796.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	863.5	862.5	836.6	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Durable Goods	353.3	351.3	339.1	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Lumber & Wood Products	37.0	37.1	37.3	- 0.3	- 0.8
Furniture & Fixtures	90.3	90.1	86.3	+ 0.2	+ 4.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	21.8	21.8	20.8	0.0	+ 4.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.7	11.0	+ 1.7	+ 8.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	27.7	27.6	26.3	+ 0.4	+ 5.3
Machinery, except Electrical	59.7	58.6	56.1	+ 1.9	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.3	60.4	59.8	- 0.2	+ 0.8
Transportation Equipment	26.8	26.4	24.5	+ 1.5	+ 9.4
Other Durable Goods ³	17.9	17.7	16.7	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Nondurable Goods	510.1	511.2	497.5	- 0.2	+ 2.5
Food & Kindred Products	48.1	48.3	46.6	- 0.4	+ 3.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.0	25.3	25.9	- 1.2	- 3.5
Textile Mill Products	220.9	221.4	213.5	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	92.1	92.3	89.3	- 0.2	+ 3.1
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.1	22.1	- 0.9	- 0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.0	27.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.6	37.5	37.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	31.9	31.7	30.9	+ 0.6	+ 3.2
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	4.6	4.6	4.3	0.0	+ 7.0

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Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina

December 1987¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ² 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Nonmanufacturing	2,033.6	2,028.1	1,960.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.7
Mining	5.0	4.9	4.7	+ 2.0	+ 6.4
Construction	171.0	171.0	160.2	0.0	+ 6.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	137.5	137.0	135.7	+ 0.4	+ 1.3
Transportation, except Railroad	77.2	76.6	74.6	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.5	56.5	56.8	0.0	- 0.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	658.8	650.0	633.8	+ 1.4	+ 3.9
Wholesale Trade	148.6	147.7	142.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Retail Trade	510.3	502.3	491.2	+ 1.6	+ 3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.4	129.2	121.8	+ 0.2	+ 6.2
Service & Miscellaneous ⁵	482.4	484.0	461.7	- 0.3	+ 4.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.7	26.7	25.7	- 3.7	0.0
Total Government	449.5	452.1	442.4	- 0.6	+ 1.6
Federal	52.9	52.6	52.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.5
State	129.9	132.8	128.5	- 2.2	+ 1.1
Local	266.7	266.8	261.7	xxx ⁶	+ 1.9

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Table II

*Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and
Hourly Earnings of Selected Production
and Non-supervisory Workers in
North Carolina¹*

December 1987²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ³ 1987	Dec. ³ 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. ³ 1987	Dec. ³ 1986	Dec. 1987	Nov. ³ 1987	Dec. ³ 1986
MANUFACTURING	\$332.73	\$330.68	\$320.32	41.8	41.7	41.6	\$ 7.96	\$ 7.93	\$ 7.70
DURABLE GOODS	348.99	344.84	334.74	42.2	41.9	42.0	8.27	8.23	7.97
Lumber & Wood Products	287.60	285.23	278.39	41.5	41.1	41.8	6.93	6.94	6.66
Furniture & Fixtures	302.17	296.46	289.78	41.0	40.5	40.7	7.37	7.32	7.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	366.69	367.53	353.64	42.1	42.1	42.1	8.71	8.73	8.40
Primary Metal Industries	403.49	405.29	391.07	43.2	43.3	43.5	9.34	9.36	8.99
Fabricated Metal Industries	408.21	411.70	359.97	42.7	43.2	42.2	9.56	9.53	8.53
Machinery, exc. Electrical	384.09	382.32	386.32	43.4	43.2	43.9	8.85	8.85	8.80
Electrical Machinery	386.44	380.42	374.48	42.7	42.6	42.7	9.05	8.93	8.77
Transportation Equipment	397.32	388.40	376.61	44.0	43.3	42.7	9.03	8.97	8.82
NONDURABLE GOODS	322.82	321.98	311.33	41.6	41.6	41.4	7.76	7.74	7.52
Food & Kindred Products	294.58	287.75	273.22	41.2	40.7	39.2	7.15	7.07	6.97
Tobacco Manufacturers	550.40	557.83	517.35	40.0	42.1	37.3	13.76	13.25	13.87
Textile Mill Products	299.63	301.89	291.29	42.5	42.7	42.9	7.05	7.07	6.79
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	212.52	210.10	206.80	38.5	38.2	38.8	5.52	5.50	5.33
Paper & Allied Products	504.43	512.12	516.58	44.6	45.2	46.0	11.31	11.33	11.23
Printing & Publishing	380.89	367.35	360.69	41.0	39.8	40.3	9.29	9.23	8.95
Chemicals & Allied Products	462.24	457.80	437.00	43.2	43.6	42.1	10.70	10.50	10.38
Plastics & Synthetics	502.65	513.46	494.42	45.0	45.6	43.6	11.17	11.26	11.34
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	422.26	413.53	388.33	43.0	42.5	41.4	9.82	9.73	9.38
MINING	409.50	408.27	358.44	46.8	46.5	43.5	8.75	8.78	8.24
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	515.00	514.59	501.23	41.7	41.6	41.7	12.35	12.37	12.02
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	210.60	207.68	207.60	32.4	32.0	32.9	6.50	6.49	6.31
Wholesale Trade	336.04	333.78	327.58	40.1	39.5	39.9	8.38	8.45	8.21
Retail Trade	176.95	174.00	176.34	30.3	30.0	31.1	5.84	5.80	5.67
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	150.37	148.20	140.13	29.6	30.0	30.2	5.08	4.94	4.64

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

December 1987

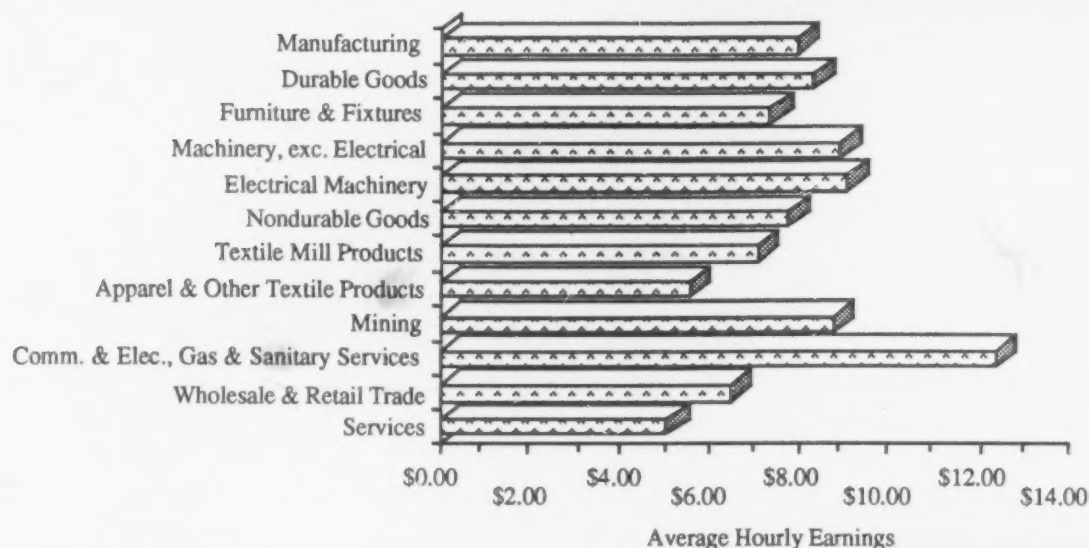


Figure II

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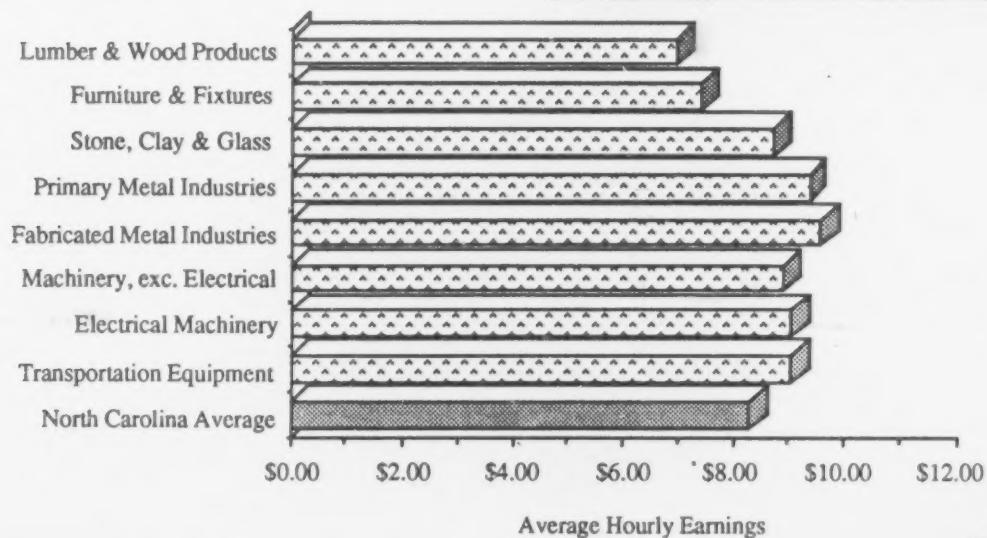


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

December 1987¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Dec. 1987	Nov. ² 1987	Dec. 1986	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1986
Manufacturing	683.8	683.4	663.8	+ 0.1	+ 3.0
Durable Goods	265.7	264.5	256.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Lumber and Wood Products	31.5	31.6	31.7	- 0.3	- 0.6
Furniture and Fixtures	78.9	78.6	75.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.6	17.6	16.7	0.0	+ 5.4
Primary Metal Industries	8.7	8.6	8.2	+ 1.2	+ 6.1
Fabricated Metal Products	20.8	20.7	19.7	+ 0.5	+ 5.6
Machinery, exc. Electrical	29.8	29.2	28.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	43.4	43.5	43.7	- 0.2	- 0.7
Transportation Equipment	21.8	21.4	19.9	+ 1.9	+ 9.5
Other Durable Goods	13.3	13.2	12.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.4
Nondurable Goods	418.1	418.9	407.2	- 0.2	+ 2.7
Food and Kindred Products	34.3	34.5	33.0	- 0.6	+ 3.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.5	19.8	20.2	- 1.5	- 3.5
Textile Mill Products	195.4	195.7	188.8	- 0.2	+ 3.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	80.3	80.5	78.1	- 0.2	+ 2.8
Paper and Allied Products	16.5	16.6	16.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.4	17.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.9
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.4	24.3	24.4	+ 0.4	0.0
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	26.2	26.1	25.4	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Other Nondurable Goods ³	3.9	3.8	3.6	+ 2.6	+ 8.3

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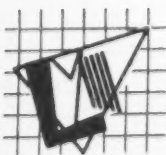
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HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina in January rose to 4.7 percent, 0.2 percent higher than the 4.5 recorded in December. The national unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, for January remained the same as the prior month's rate, 5.8. From a year ago, the state's unemployment rate was down 0.2 percent from 4.9, and the national unemployment rate was 0.9 percent lower than the January 1987 rate of 6.7.

At 3,291,000 in January, the state's civilian labor force, after seasonal adjustments, remained the same as a month ago. From a year ago, the civilian labor force at 3,251,000 grew by 40,000 workers.

Employment, seasonally adjusted to 3,135,000 in January, was 9,000 less than the December estimate of 3,144,000. Increasing by 9,000 the number unemployed grew from 147,000 in December to 156,000 in January. From January 1987 the number of employed persons at 3,093,000 grew by 42,000. For the same period, the number of persons unemployed dropped by 2,000, from 158,000 in January 1987 to 156,000 in January 1988.

After seasonal adjustments, nonagricultural employment showed a net increase of 10,400, up from 2,907,100 in December to 2,917,500 in January. Nonmanufacturing employment grew from 2,039,600 to 2,047,500 for a monthly net gain of 7,900. Trade employment with a gain of 4,800 accounted for more than 60 percent of the increase in nonmanufacturing employment. Manufacturing employment rose by 2,500 from December to a total of 870,000 in January. Sixty percent of the over-the-month employment growth in manufacturing was in the textile industry (+1,500). Over the year, nonagricultural employment was up 106,700 as nonmanufacturing employment increased 82,300, and the number of employees in manufacturing jobs grew by 24,400. Employment in all the major nonmanufacturing divisions was up from January 1987 as trade (+27,300) and service (+25,500) boasted the largest gains. In manufacturing, the largest employment gain over the year was noted in the textile industry (+4,700). Other noticeable gains occurred in furniture (+3,300); machinery, except electrical (+2,900); and in food and apparel (+2,700 each).

Average weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits for January 1988 stood at 65,914 for an increase of 26,222 from December. In January, weeks claimed by primary industry of attachment totaling 1,000 or more than in December occurred in construction (+7,850), textiles (+4,151), trade (+2,299), apparel (+2,062), furniture (+1,491), and lumber and wood (+1,094). Increases in monthly claims of 100 percent or more were noted in leather (+592.5 percent); construction (+169.1 percent); furniture (+162.8 percent); and stone, clay, and glass (+146.4 percent). Only the tobacco (-54) and the printing and publishing (-17) industries reported fewer weeks claimed in January than in December.

In January 1988, 7,950 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Of the total, 3,920 were placed in jobs in manufacturing industries. More than 1,000 were placed in both services (+1,625) and in trade (+1,290). By occupational groups, more than 1,000 individuals found jobs in benchwork (+1,496); services, except domestic (+1,347); packaging and material handling (+1,296); clerical (+1,198); and machine trades (+1,054).

Production workers earned \$.09 more an hour in January than in December. Average weekly earnings were less; however, there was a decrease in the average weekly hours worked. The largest increase in average hourly earnings, (+\$.70) was paid to production workers in the tobacco industry. In nonmanufacturing, nonsupervisory workers earned an average of \$.16 more an hour in January than in December. From January 1987 the average hourly earnings of all production workers increased \$.33 an hour. All industry divisions in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing reported higher hourly earnings for employees in January 1988 than a year ago.

The number of production workers in manufacturing decreased by 2,900 from December 1987 to January 1988. The durable goods and nondurable goods sectors both reported workers losses, -1,400 and -1,500, respectively. Gains and losses were small throughout the industry divisions. From January 1987, the nondurable goods industries gained 11,700 production workers as textiles, food, and apparel added 4,400, 2,300, and 2,100, respectively, to claim three-fourths of the increase. For the twelve-month period, durable goods production employment grew by 7,400 with much of the growth attributed to additional hiring in furniture (+2,800); machinery, except electrical (+1,600); and transportation equipment (+1,200).



Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

January 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month:	Time Series Data:					
	Previous Year	August 1987 through January 1988					
	Jan. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,772	4,848	4,827	4,834	4,840	4,846	4,852
Civilian Labor Force	3,251	3,306	3,292	3,324	3,314	3,291	3,291
Participation Rate ¹	68.1	68.2	68.2	68.8	68.5	67.9	67.8
Employed	3,093	3,165	3,157	3,188	3,181	3,144	3,135
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.8	65.3	65.4	65.9	65.7	64.9	64.6
Unemployed	158	141	135	136	133	147	156
Unemployment Rate	4.9	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.7
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month:	Time Series Data:		
	Previous Year	November 1987 through January 1988		
	Jan. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,772	4,867	4,846	4,852
Civilian Labor Force	3,206	3,336	3,280	3,247
Participation Rate ¹	67.2	68.5	67.7	66.9
Employed	3,039	3,202	3,144	3,082
Employment-Population Ratio ²	63.7	65.8	64.9	63.5
Unemployed	168	134	136	166
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.0	4.2	5.1
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.8	1.0	1.5	INA ⁴

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

⁴Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

January 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
August 1987 through January 1988

	Jan. 1987	Aug. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,827	183,002	183,161	183,311	183,470	183,620	183,822
Civilian Labor Force	118,978	120,306	119,963	120,387	120,594	120,722	121,175
Participation Rate ¹	65.4	65.7	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7	65.9
Employed	111,014	113,050	112,872	113,210	113,504	113,744	114,129
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.1	61.8	61.6	61.8	61.9	61.9	62.1
Unemployed	7,964	7,256	7,091	7,177	7,090	6,978	7,046
Unemployment Rate	6.7	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	INA ⁴

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
November 1987 through January 1988

	Jan. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,827	183,470	183,620	183,822
Civilian Labor Force	117,703	120,611	120,206	119,742
Participation Rate ¹	64.7	65.7	65.5	65.1
Employed	109,084	113,809	113,679	112,139
Employment-Population Ratio ²	60.0	62.0	61.9	61.0
Unemployed	8,620	6,802	6,526	7,603
Unemployment Rate	7.3	5.6	5.4	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	3.3	1.9	2.4	INA ⁴

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

January 1987-January 1988

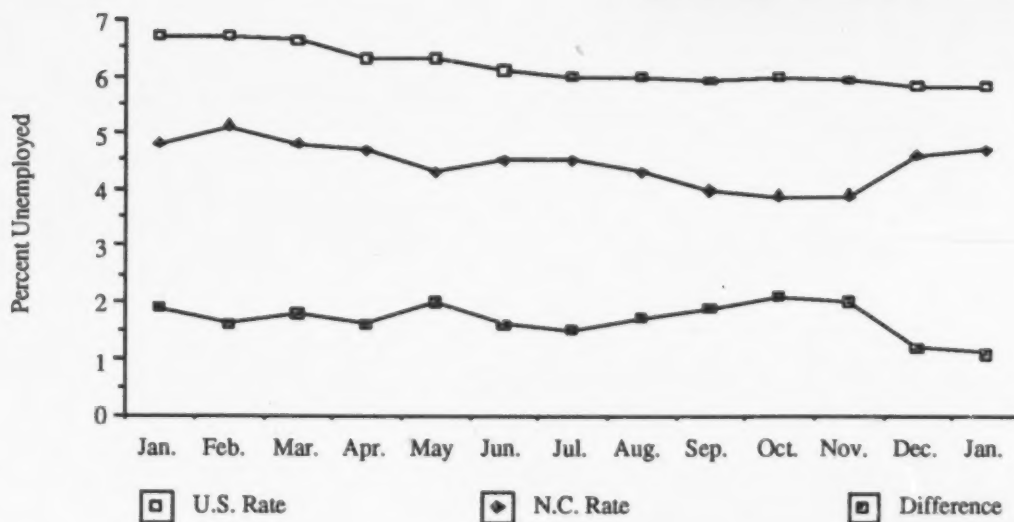


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

January 1987-January 1988

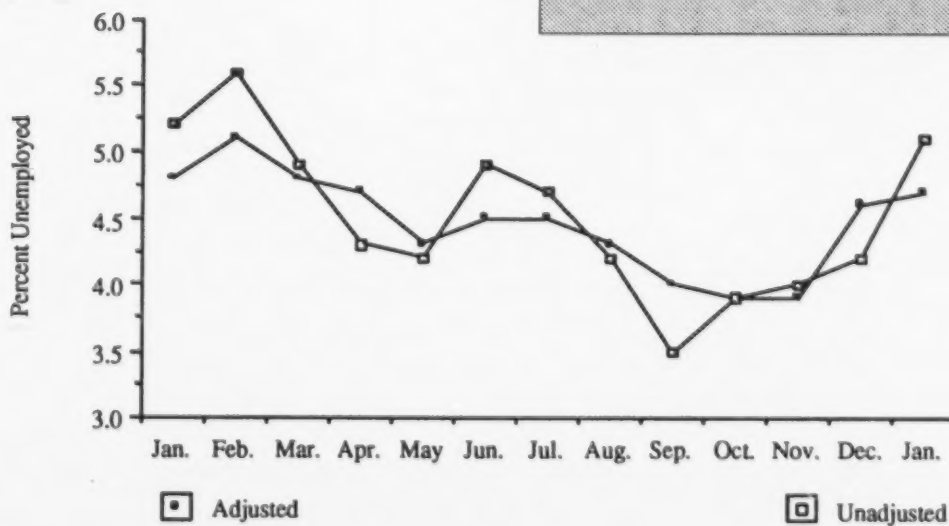


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	December 1987		January 1987			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)									
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,247.3	3,298.2	3,206.4	- 50.9	- 1.5	+ 40.9	+ 1.3		
Unemployment, Total	165.7	136.9	167.9	+ 28.8	+ 21.0	- 2.2	- 1.3		
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	5.1	4.2	5.2	+ 0.9	-----	- 0.1	-----		
Employment, Total	3,081.6	3,161.3	3,038.5	- 79.7	- 2.5	+ 43.1	+ 1.4		
(Seasonally Adjusted)									
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,291.0	3,291.0	3,251.0	0.0	0.0	+ 40.0	+ 1.2		
Unemployment, Total	156.0	147.0	158.0	+ 9.0	+ 6.1	- 2.0	- 1.3		
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.7	4.5	4.9	+ 0.2	-----	- 0.2	-----		
Employment, Total	3,135.0	3,144.0	3,093.0	- 9.0	- 0.3	+ 42.0	+ 1.4		
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,917.5	2,907.1	2,810.8	+ 10.4	+ 0.4	+ 106.7	+ 3.8		
Manufacturing	870.0	867.5	845.6	+ 2.5	+ 0.3	+ 24.4	+ 2.9		
Durable Goods	352.0	350.5	341.4	+ 1.5	+ 0.4	+ 10.6	+ 3.1		
Lumber & Wood Products	37.5	37.6	37.7	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2	- 0.5		
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8		
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.5	9.5	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.6	4.9	5.3	- 0.3	- 6.1	- 0.7	- 13.2		
Furniture & Fixtures	92.3	92.0	89.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 3.3	+ 3.7		
Household Furniture	82.0	81.6	78.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 4.0	+ 5.1		
Wood Household Furniture	41.4	41.0	39.6	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.8	+ 4.5		
Upholstered Household Furn.	34.6	34.6	32.9	0.0	0.0	+ 1.7	+ 5.2		

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Table 3

(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	December 1987		January 1987			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.7	20.6	20.1	+	0.1	+	0.5	+	3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.9	2.9	2.9		0.0		0.0		0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Pdt.	6.2	6.1	6.0	+	0.1	+	1.6	+	3.3
Primary Metals	12.0	11.8	11.2	+	0.2	+	1.7	+	7.1
Fabricated Metals	27.2	27.4	26.5	-	0.2	-	0.7	+	2.6
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.7	8.8	8.6	-	0.1	-	1.1	+	1.2
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.6	58.1	55.7	+	0.5	+	0.9	+	5.2
Special Industry Machinery	8.2	8.1	7.8	+	0.1	+	1.2	+	5.1
Electrical Machinery	60.3	60.0	59.5	+	0.3	+	0.5	+	1.3
Household Appliances	4.9	4.7	5.1	+	0.2	+	4.3	-	3.9
Transportation Equipment	26.2	26.1	24.7	+	0.1	+	0.4	+	6.1
Other Durable Goods ⁴	17.2	16.9	17.0	+	0.3	+	1.8	+	1.2
Nondurable Goods	518.0	517.0	504.2	+	1.0	+	0.2	+	2.7
Food & Kindred Products	50.8	50.4	48.1	+	0.4	+	0.8	+	5.6
Meat Products	23.6	23.0	21.5	+	0.6	+	2.6	+	9.8
Meat Packing Products	2.5	2.4	2.4	+	0.1	+	4.2	+	4.2
Dairy Products	3.2	3.1	3.1	+	0.1	+	3.2	+	3.2
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8		0.0		0.0	-	3.6
Bakery Products	8.4	8.5	8.3	-	0.1	-	1.2	+	1.2
Beverages	5.8	5.7	5.7	+	0.1	+	1.8	+	1.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.4	25.0	24.6	-	0.6	-	2.4	-	0.8
Cigarettes	18.6	19.0	20.3	-	0.4	-	2.1	-	8.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.3	5.6	4.0	-	0.3	-	5.4	+	32.5
Textile Mill Products	222.6	221.1	217.9	+	1.5	+	0.7	+	2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton,									
Synthetics & Wool	51.5	51.5	50.1		0.0		0.0	+	2.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.6	25.7	-	0.2	-	0.8	+	2.7

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	December 1987		January 1987		Net	Percent
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.4	23.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.0		
Knitting Mills	84.0	83.8	83.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 1.2		
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	25.2	25.1	25.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 0.7	- 2.7		
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.4	22.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 0.4	- 1.7		
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.3	16.1	15.0	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	+ 8.7		
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.3		
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	15.1	14.8	14.6	+ 0.3	+ 2.0	+ 0.5	+ 3.4		
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.3	56.3	54.9	0.0	0.0	+ 1.4	+ 2.6		
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.8	91.1	88.1	- 0.3	- 0.3	+ 2.7	+ 3.1		
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.3	31.7	29.7	- 0.4	- 1.3	+ 1.6	+ 5.4		
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.5	35.6	37.0	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 1.5	- 4.1		
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.2	21.7	- 0.3	- 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9		
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.4	10.0	- 0.1	- 1.0	+ 0.3	+ 3.0		
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.9	7.7	- 0.1	- 1.3	+ 0.1	+ 1.3		
Printing & Publishing	28.9	28.8	28.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.1		
Newspapers	10.7	10.7	10.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.9		
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.2	40.3	39.6	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.5		
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	13.0	12.4	- 0.2	- 1.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.2		
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	34.1	33.8	31.9	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.2	+ 6.9		
Other Nondurable Goods ⁵	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.5		
Nonmanufacturing	2,047.5	2,039.6	1,965.2	+ 7.9	+ 0.4	+ 82.3	+ 4.2		
Mining	5.2	5.0	4.9	+ 0.2	+ 4.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.1		
Construction	161.8	162.5	156.8	- 0.7	- 0.4	+ 5.0	+ 3.2		
Transportation & Public Utilities	145.9	144.3	137.9	+ 1.6	+ 1.1	+ 8.0	+ 5.8		
Transportation, exc. Railroad	85.1	83.3	77.3	+ 1.8	+ 2.2	+ 7.8	+ 10.1		

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	December 1987		January 1987			
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent		
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	57.0	57.0	56.4	0.0	0.0	+	0.6	+	1.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	658.4	653.6	631.1	+	4.8	+	0.7	+	27.3
Wholesale Trade	158.7	158.2	150.0	+	0.5	+	0.3	+	8.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	95.6	95.6	90.6	0.0	0.0	+	5.0	+	5.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	63.1	62.6	59.4	+	0.5	+	0.8	+	3.7
Retail Trade	499.7	495.4	481.1	+	4.3	+	0.9	+	18.6
General Merchandise Stores	68.9	67.0	67.1	+	1.9	+	2.8	+	1.8
Food Stores	78.1	77.6	75.9	+	0.5	+	0.6	+	2.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.5	130.2	122.6	+	0.3	+	0.2	+	7.9
Service & Miscellaneous ⁶	499.0	500.2	473.5	-	1.2	-	0.3	+	25.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.4	27.7	27.7	+	0.7	+	2.5	+	0.7
Personal Services	30.7	30.7	28.2	0.0	0.0	+	2.5	+	8.9
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.7	14.0	12.7	-	0.3	-	2.1	+	1.0
Total Government	446.7	443.8	438.4	+	2.9	+	0.7	+	8.3
Federal	53.7	53.5	52.8	+	0.2	+	0.4	+	0.9
State	130.2	129.2	129.7	+	1.0	-	0.8	+	0.5
Education	68.1	66.8	68.5	+	1.3	+	1.9	-	0.4
Other	62.1	62.4	61.2	-	0.3	-	0.5	+	0.9
Local	262.8	261.1	255.9	+	1.7	+	0.7	+	6.9
Education	137.1	136.2	134.1	+	0.9	+	0.7	+	3.0
Other	125.7	124.9	121.8	+	0.8	+	0.6	+	3.9
All Other Nonag. Employment ⁷	252.5	260.6	246.4	-	8.1	-	3.1	+	6.1
Agriculture	32.2	34.6	34.6	-	2.4	-	6.9	-	2.4

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Figure 3

**Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

January 1988

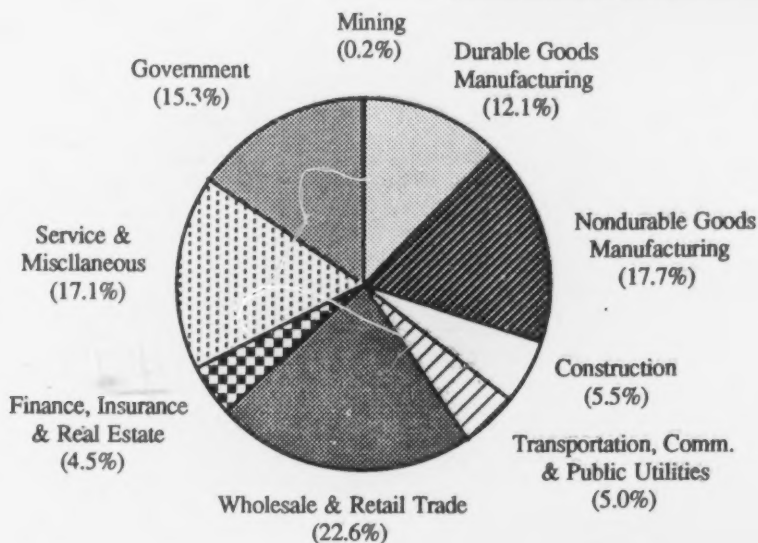


Figure 4

**Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)**

January 1988

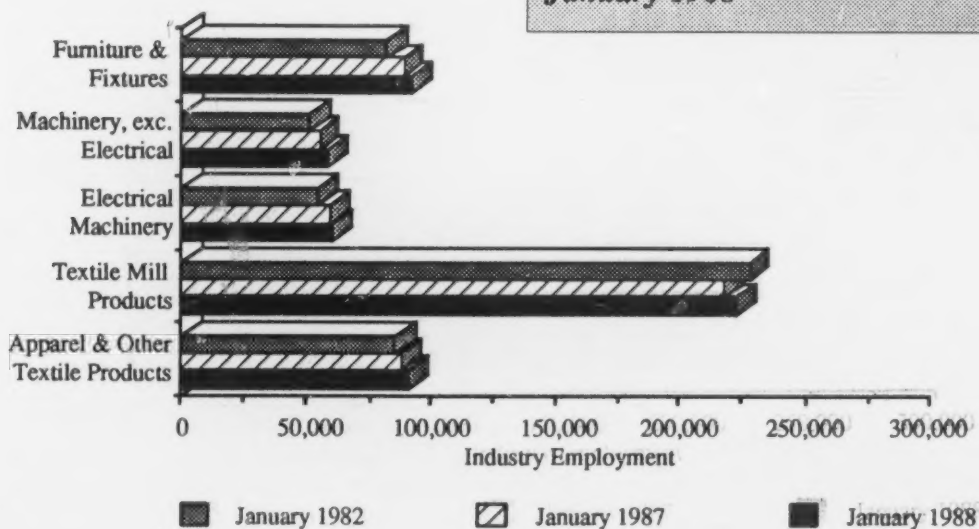


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector¹

January 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,712,755	65,914	2.4	+ 26,222	+ 66.1
Manufacturing Total	840,940	30,564	3.6	+ 12,089	+ 65.4
Food Products	48,001	2,015	4.2	+ 825	+ 69.3
Tobacco	24,981	254	1.0	- 54	- 17.5
Textile Products	218,856	11,389	5.2	+ 4,151	+ 57.4
Apparel Products	84,630	5,020	5.9	+ 2,062	+ 69.7
Lumber & Wood	37,870	2,208	5.8	+ 1,094	+ 98.2
Furniture & Fixtures	87,402	2,407	2.8	+ 1,491	+ 162.8
Paper & Allied	21,991	209	1.0	+ 12	+ 6.1
Printing & Publishing	28,136	235	0.8	- 17	- 6.7
Chemicals & Allied	39,331	423	1.1	+ 143	+ 51.1
Rubber & Plastics	32,700	979	3.0	+ 393	+ 67.1
Leather Products	3,474	277	8.0	+ 237	+ 592.5
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,159	865	4.3	+ 514	+ 146.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,130	850	2.3	+ 285	+ 50.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	55,952	753	1.3	+ 251	+ 50.0
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,089	1,827	3.1	+ 511	+ 38.8
Transportation Equipment	24,139	524	2.2	+ 138	+ 35.8
Other Manufacturing ²	18,099	329	1.8	+ 53	+ 19.2
Construction	155,705	12,492	8.0	+ 7,850	+ 169.1
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	132,923	1,737	1.3	+ 605	+ 53.4
Trade	633,734	8,079	1.3	+ 2,299	+ 39.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121,292	1,042	0.9	+ 134	+ 14.8
Services	429,428	4,342	1.0	+ 775	+ 21.7
State Government	112,590	433	0.4	+ 64	+ 17.3
Local Government	256,243	757	0.3	+ 118	+ 18.5
Other ³	xxx	6,468	xxx	+ 2,288	+ 54.7

¹These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

²"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

³"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission by Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

January 1988¹

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2,3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	7,950	7,681	218	9	578
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	265	264	5	0	1
Clerical Occupations	1,198	1,151	6	1	15
Sales Occupations	337	334	0	0	0
Domestic Service Occupations	68	53	0	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,347	1,242	1	0	7
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	245	240	195	0	10
Processing Occupations	646	620	0	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,054	1,053	1	1	14
Benchwork Occupations	1,496	1,483	0	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	873	851	3	0	502
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	217	197	4	2	7
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,296	1,163	3	5	23
Miscellaneous Occupations	33	25	0	0	0

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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**Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions**

January 1988¹

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
3,920	383	1,290	108	1,625	340	457
44	8	37	4	109	60	102
193	175	317	71	266	146	155
23	11	266	6	29	1	1
0	0	0	0	52	1	0
63	8	430	11	682	81	131
7	1	3	1	12	12	17
573	1	39	2	8	0	1
962	5	34	2	31	7	3
1,356	0	11	0	126	0	0
252	11	13	9	73	22	27
31	72	55	2	27	4	9
676	91	120	0	265	3	12
8	1	3	0	8	5	4

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(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

January 1987-January 1988

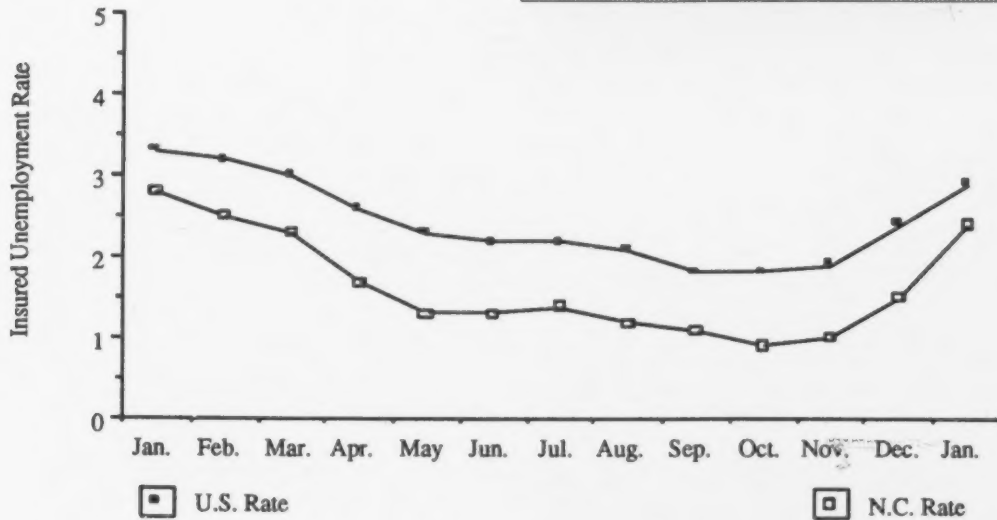
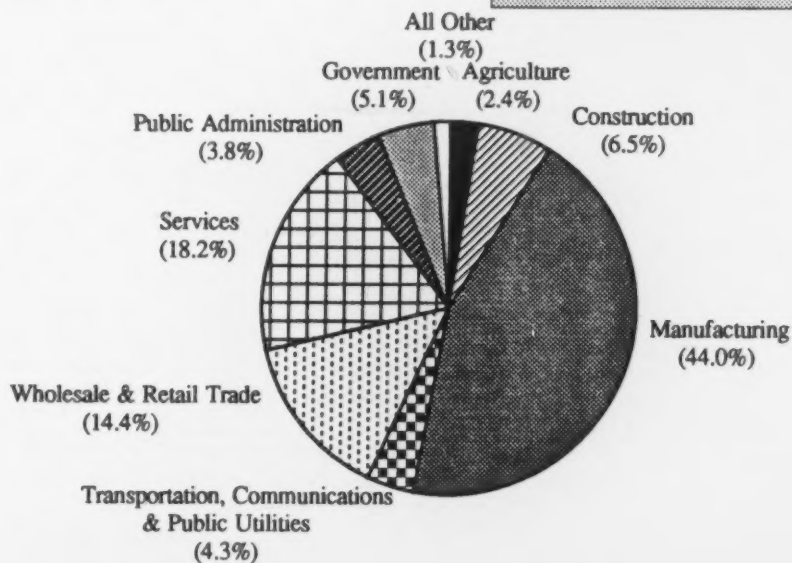


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

January 1988



Appendix

Table I *Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted)
in North Carolina*

Table II *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings
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in North Carolina*

Figure I *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in
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to the North Carolina Average*

Table III *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing
Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,884.1	2,930.5	2,779.4	- 1.6	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	864.8	868.7	840.8	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	350.9	352.7	340.3	- 0.5	+ 3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	36.9	37.5	37.1	- 1.6	- 0.5
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.3	12.5	12.2	- 1.6	+ 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.4	9.3	- 1.1	0.0
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.8	5.2	- 6.2	- 13.5
Furniture & Fixtures	92.9	92.6	89.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Household Furniture	82.5	82.2	78.5	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.1	39.5	+ 0.5	+ 4.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.7	34.7	33.0	0.0	+ 5.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.3	20.5	19.7	- 1.0	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.9	2.7	- 6.9	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 1.6	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.8	11.1	+ 0.8	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	27.1	27.5	26.4	- 1.5	+ 2.7
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.7	8.4	- 2.3	+ 1.2
Machinery, except Electrical	58.5	59.4	55.6	- 1.5	+ 5.2
Special Industry Machinery	8.2	8.2	7.8	0.0	+ 5.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.2	60.3	59.4	- 0.2	+ 1.3
Household Appliances	4.8	5.0	5.0	- 4.0	- 4.0
Transportation Equipment	26.0	25.8	24.5	+ 0.8	+ 6.1
Other Durable Goods ³	17.2	17.2	17.0	0.0	+ 1.2
Nondurable Goods	513.9	516.0	500.5	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	49.9	50.3	47.3	- 0.8	+ 5.5
Meat Products	23.4	23.2	21.3	+ 0.9	+ 9.9
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.5	8.2	- 2.4	+ 1.2
Beverages	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	+ 1.8

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I

(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

January 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	25.0	24.9	- 1.2	- 0.8
Cigarettes	18.6	19.0	20.3	- 2.1	- 8.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.6	5.6	4.2	0.0	+ 33.3
Textile Mill Products	220.2	220.7	215.5	- 0.2	+ 2.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	51.7	52.0	50.3	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.6	26.9	25.9	- 1.1	+ 2.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.5	23.7	- 0.4	+ 3.0
Knitting Mills	82.7	82.7	81.7	0.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	25.0	25.0	25.7	0.0	- 2.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.0	22.0	22.4	0.0	- 1.8
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.9	15.9	14.7	0.0	+ 8.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.2	6.2	6.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Textile Finishing, except Wool	15.0	14.9	14.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.2	56.3	54.8	- 0.2	+ 2.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.1	90.9	87.4	- 0.9	+ 3.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.1	31.3	29.5	- 0.6	+ 5.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.2	35.5	36.7	- 0.8	- 4.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.3	21.9	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.2	0.0	+ 2.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	8.0	7.7	- 2.5	+ 1.3
Printing & Publishing	29.1	29.0	28.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Newspapers	10.6	10.7	10.5	- 0.9	+ 1.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	39.9	40.1	39.3	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	13.0	12.4	- 1.5	+ 3.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.6	33.5	31.5	+ 0.3	+ 6.7
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	4.3	4.3	4.0	0.0	+ 7.5

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³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

Table I

(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

January 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,019.3	2,061.8	1,938.6	- 2.1	+ 4.2
Mining	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	+ 4.2
Construction	152.6	161.4	147.9	- 5.5	+ 3.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	143.7	144.9	135.8	- 0.8	+ 5.8
Transportation, except Railroad	83.2	84.2	75.6	- 1.2	+ 10.1
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.7	56.9	56.1	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	649.5	670.0	622.6	- 3.1	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	156.3	157.2	147.8	- 0.6	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.1	95.5	90.1	- 0.4	+ 5.5
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	61.3	61.7	57.7	- 0.6	+ 6.2
Retail Trade	493.2	512.7	474.8	- 3.8	+ 3.9
General Merchandise Stores	69.6	76.8	67.8	- 9.4	+ 2.7
Food Stores	77.9	78.5	75.7	- 0.8	+ 2.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.2	129.5	121.4	- 0.2	+ 6.4
Service & Miscellaneous ³	488.5	494.7	463.6	- 1.3	+ 5.4
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.0	25.6	24.4	- 2.3	+ 2.5
Personal Services	31.3	30.6	28.7	+ 2.3	+ 9.1
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.7	14.0	12.7	- 2.1	+ 7.9
Health Services	123.9	123.7	118.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.3
Hospitals	47.2	47.1	45.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
Legal Services	12.7	12.6	11.5	+ 0.8	+ 10.4
Educational Services	30.6	33.4	31.9	- 8.4	- 4.1
Total Government	450.8	456.4	442.4	- 1.2	+ 1.9
Federal	53.3	53.6	52.4	- 0.6	+ 1.7
State	129.2	133.5	128.7	- 3.2	+ 0.4
Education	67.9	72.1	68.3	- 5.8	- 0.6
Other	61.2	61.5	60.3	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Local	268.3	269.3	261.3	- 0.4	+ 2.7
Education	144.9	145.3	141.7	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Other	123.4	123.9	119.6	- 0.4	+ 3.2

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⁶Less than .05 percent.

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

January 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987
Manufacturing	\$324.82	\$333.94	\$314.61	40.3	41.9	40.7	\$ 8.06	\$ 7.97	\$ 7.73
Durable Goods	335.30	348.13	330.79	40.3	42.3	41.4	8.32	8.23	7.99
Lumber & Wood Products	272.31	294.84	280.38	38.3	42.0	41.6	7.11	7.02	6.74
Millwork, Plywood & Struct. Mem.	276.90	298.85	277.72	39.5	43.0	41.7	7.01	6.95	6.66
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	283.72	315.17	303.31	34.6	39.2	39.7	8.20	8.04	7.64
Furniture & Fixtures	279.32	300.70	285.11	37.9	40.8	40.1	7.37	7.37	7.11
Household Furniture	277.05	297.60	283.51	37.9	40.6	40.1	7.31	7.33	7.07
Wood Household Furniture	265.04	282.49	272.65	38.3	41.0	41.0	6.92	6.89	6.65
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	332.16	364.59	355.32	38.4	42.1	42.3	8.65	8.66	8.40
Structural Clay Products	302.99	315.55	298.32	41.0	42.7	42.8	7.39	7.39	6.97
Primary Metal Industries	394.54	413.16	395.66	41.4	44.0	43.1	9.53	9.39	9.18
Fabricated Metal Industries	381.84	377.09	356.42	43.0	42.9	41.3	8.88	8.79	8.63
Machinery, exc. Electrical	377.27	390.70	380.12	42.2	43.8	43.0	8.94	8.92	8.84
Special Industry Machinery	359.01	382.95	356.10	41.6	45.0	42.8	8.63	8.51	8.32
Electrical Machinery	392.04	395.60	371.60	42.2	43.0	41.8	9.29	9.20	8.89
Household Appliances	266.39	283.36	253.60	39.7	44.0	38.6	6.71	6.44	6.57
Transportation Equipment	414.96	396.49	371.49	45.7	44.4	42.7	9.08	8.93	8.70
Nondurable Goods	318.37	324.90	304.67	40.3	41.6	40.3	7.90	7.81	7.56
Food & Kindred Products	292.70	292.03	263.73	41.4	41.6	38.5	7.07	7.02	6.85
Meat Products	246.85	245.22	217.86	40.6	40.6	36.8	6.08	6.04	5.92
Meat Packing Products	365.79	374.68	347.44	44.5	46.2	43.0	8.22	8.11	8.08
Dairy Products	296.65	300.30	298.22	41.9	42.0	42.3	7.08	7.15	7.05
Grain Mill Products	356.35	344.32	334.02	44.6	44.2	44.3	7.99	7.79	7.54
Bakery Products	343.83	342.14	287.83	43.8	43.2	39.7	7.85	7.92	7.25
Beverages	499.49	515.68	460.85	39.8	42.2	39.9	12.55	12.22	11.55
Tobacco Manufacturers	579.74	556.21	514.60	39.6	39.9	36.6	14.64	13.94	14.06
Cigarettes	720.37	671.85	583.39	42.6	40.4	36.9	16.91	16.63	15.81
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	181.48	224.44	212.96	30.5	38.3	35.2	5.95	5.86	6.05
Textile Mill Products	293.64	298.92	282.88	41.3	42.4	41.6	7.11	7.05	6.80
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Syn. & Wool	337.76	339.82	318.61	42.7	43.4	42.2	7.91	7.83	7.55
Weaving Mills, Cotton	334.02	334.65	315.05	41.7	42.2	41.4	8.01	7.93	7.61
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	341.30	345.20	322.39	43.7	44.6	43.1	7.81	7.74	7.48

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

January 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987	Jan. 1988	Dec. ³ 1987	Jan. ³ 1987
Knitting Mills	262.25	268.30	249.64	39.2	40.9	39.5	6.69	6.56	6.32
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	236.60	253.49	234.74	36.4	40.3	38.8	6.50	6.29	6.05
Hosiery, NEC	258.40	250.90	223.30	40.0	39.7	35.9	6.46	6.32	6.22
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	303.84	315.04	296.01	42.2	44.0	42.9	7.20	7.16	6.90
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	334.42	336.80	325.73	46.0	46.2	46.8	7.27	7.29	6.96
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	299.48	311.04	295.54	42.3	43.2	42.1	7.08	7.20	7.02
Yarn & Thread Mills	296.07	298.68	291.48	42.6	43.1	43.7	6.95	6.93	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	203.24	214.40	200.30	36.1	38.7	37.3	5.63	5.54	5.37
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furn.	202.18	211.68	199.47	35.1	37.4	36.6	5.76	5.66	5.45
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	191.78	202.67	185.37	36.6	38.9	37.0	5.24	4.21	5.01
Paper & Allied Products	523.67	520.95	492.17	45.3	45.3	44.3	11.56	11.50	11.11
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	682.18	691.26	655.66	46.0	46.3	46.6	14.83	14.93	14.07
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	410.32	410.35	374.11	44.6	45.9	43.3	9.20	8.94	8.64
Printing & Publishing	352.66	375.03	343.54	38.5	40.5	38.6	9.16	9.26	8.90
Newspapers	291.36	296.18	265.51	32.7	34.4	31.2	8.91	8.61	8.51
Chemicals & Allied Products	457.21	476.87	439.69	42.1	43.0	42.4	10.86	11.09	10.37
Plastics & Synthetics	521.99	545.41	503.69	44.5	45.3	44.3	11.73	12.04	11.37
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	407.63	414.80	396.03	41.3	42.5	41.6	9.87	9.76	9.52
Mining	343.48	404.20	374.78	39.3	46.3	45.1	8.74	8.73	8.31
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	528.30	522.79	510.34	42.4	42.4	41.9	12.46	12.33	12.18
Wholesale & Retail Trade	202.01	214.51	204.48	30.7	32.7	32.0	6.58	6.56	6.39
Wholesale Trade	325.85	335.64	326.30	38.2	40.1	39.6	8.53	8.37	8.24
Retail Trade	166.16	180.54	169.86	28.5	30.6	29.8	5.83	5.90	5.70
General Merchandise Stores	146.64	184.11	152.28	26.0	29.6	27.0	5.64	6.22	5.64
Food Stores	185.40	184.98	183.65	30.9	31.3	31.5	6.00	5.91	5.83
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	139.85	146.12	138.70	28.6	29.4	29.2	4.89	4.97	4.75
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	188.21	210.82	192.55	31.9	36.1	33.9	5.90	5.84	5.68

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

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Figure I

*Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina*

January 1988

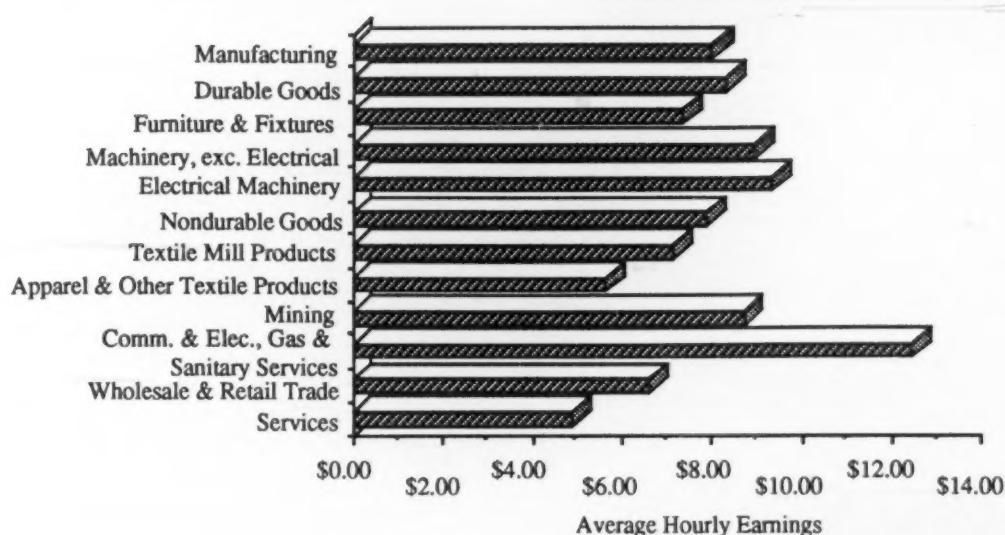


Figure II

*Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
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January 1988

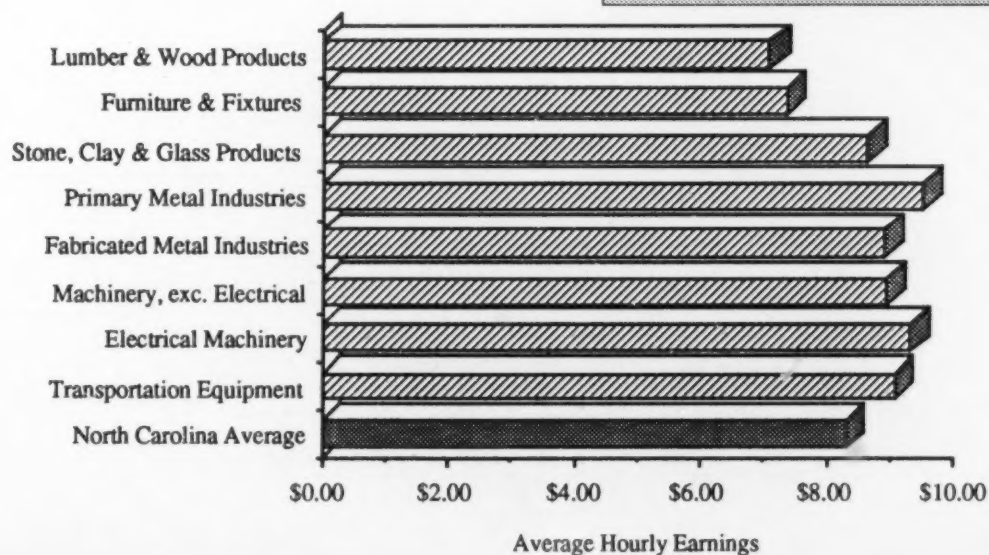


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Manufacturing	685.0	687.9	665.9	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	264.4	265.8	257.0	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	31.2	31.8	31.5	- 1.9	- 1.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	7.9	8.1	8.0	- 2.5	- 1.2
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.7	4.0	4.1	- 7.5	- 9.8
Furniture & Fixtures	81.2	81.0	78.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
Household Furniture	72.6	72.4	69.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.3	35.9	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.3	16.4	15.8	- 0.6	+ 3.2
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.3	2.2	- 8.7	- 4.5
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.8	8.2	+ 1.1	+ 8.5
Fabricated Metal Industries	20.3	20.6	19.8	- 1.5	+ 2.5
Machinery, except Electrical	29.7	30.2	28.1	- 1.7	+ 5.7
Special Industry Machinery	5.6	5.6	5.3	0.0	+ 5.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.9	43.1	42.7	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	4.2	4.4	4.5	- 4.5	- 6.7
Transportation Equipment	21.0	20.9	19.8	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Other Durable Goods ³	12.9	13.0	12.7	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Nondurable Goods	420.6	422.1	408.9	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	36.0	36.2	33.7	- 0.6	+ 6.8
Meat Products	20.7	20.6	19.0	+ 0.5	+ 8.9
Meat Packing Plants	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	+ 5.9
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Bakery Products	4.8	4.9	4.6	- 2.0	+ 4.3

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

January 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Jan. 1988	Dec. ² 1987	Jan. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1987
Beverages	2.2	2.3	2.2	- 4.3	0.0
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.1	19.3	19.4	- 1.0	- 1.5
Cigarettes	14.0	14.2	15.7	- 1.4	- 10.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.8	4.8	3.3	0.0	+ 45.5
Textile Mill Products	194.9	195.3	190.5	- 0.2	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	46.0	46.3	44.5	- 0.6	+ 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.5	23.7	22.7	- 0.8	+ 3.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	22.0	22.0	21.3	0.0	+ 3.3
Knitting Mills	73.2	73.2	72.3	0.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.0	22.1	22.9	- 0.5	- 3.9
Hosiery, NEC	19.9	19.9	20.3	0.0	- 2.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.9	13.8	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 9.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.0	+ 3.8
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.7	12.6	12.1	+ 0.8	+ 5.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.9	51.0	49.7	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.5	79.1	76.4	- 0.8	+ 2.7
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.7	26.8	25.7	- 0.4	+ 3.9
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	30.7	30.9	31.9	- 0.6	- 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.7	16.4	- 0.6	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	+ 1.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 1.6	+ 3.4
Printing & Publishing	18.3	18.1	17.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.0
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	+ 2.4
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.0	26.1	25.6	- 0.4	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.3	9.3	8.8	0.0	+ 5.7
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.6	27.5	25.9	+ 0.4	+ 6.6
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	3.6	3.6	3.4	0.0	+ 5.9

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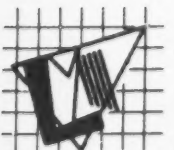
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State Labor Summary: North Carolina

February 1988

HIGHLIGHTS

For February 1988, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for North Carolina was 3.6 percent. The rate represented a drop of 1.1 from the January rate of 4.7 and a decrease of 1.4 from February 1987. The national rate, in comparison, fell from 5.8 in January and 6.6 in February 1987 to 5.7 for February 1988.

The civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted, for the state showed an increase of 9,000 from the January estimate of 3,291,000 to reach 3,300,000 in February. From February a year ago the civilian labor force grew by 42,000.

The number of persons employed in February, at 3,180,000, increased by 45,000, seasonally adjusted, over the January estimate of 3,135,000. A significant growth in employment occurred over the year as 130,000 more people were employed in February 1988 than in February 1987. Unemployment was down 36,000 over the month with the number of unemployed persons decreasing from 156,000 in January to 120,000 in February. The number unemployed in February was 43,000 less than a year ago.

The seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in North Carolina reached an estimated 2,935,400 in February for an increase of 19,300 from January. Most of the monthly gain occurred in nonmanufacturing (+18,600). The largest employment additions were in construction, +7,900; trade, +6,200; and in services, +5,000. Manufacturing employment was up by only 7,000 over the month as only small gains and losses were prevalent among the industry divisions. Employment over the year registered a gain of 120,900 workers over the year as nonmanufacturing experienced a growth of 96,400, and manufacturing employment expanded by 24,500. In nonmanufacturing industries, trade boasted a net yearly increase in employment of 30,700, and the service industry employment experienced a growth of 29,000. Among the manufacturing industries, employment additions were highest in textiles (+5,100); furniture

(+4,500); and in machinery, except electrical (+3,100).

The number of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance averaged 54,045 a week during February. This represented a decline of 11,869 from January. Manufacturing claims were down 11,367 for the month as textiles posted a decline of 6,262; apparel, 2,220; and furniture, 817. In nonmanufacturing, claims filed by persons in construction showed a drop of 627.

In February 1988, 10,225 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. Of this total, 4,867 were placed in manufacturing industries; 2,158 went to work in the service industry; and 1,745 found employment in the trade industry. By occupation, more than 1,000 individuals were placed in the following occupational groups: clerical; service, except domestic; machine trades; benchwork; structural; and packaging and material handling.

Production workers in manufacturing averaged less earnings per week and per hour in February than in January. By industry, only those workers in fabricated metals; machinery, except electrical; and rubber had higher hourly earnings in February than in the prior month. Increases mounted to \$.04, \$.04, and \$.03, respectively. From February 1987 the average hourly earnings for production workers increased \$.27. Yearly increases were posted in all manufacturing industry divisions except in machinery, except electrical (no change) and tobacco (-\$.06). Nonsupervisory workers in mining earned \$.17 more an hour in February than in January, and those in the laundry and dry cleaning industry earned \$.04 more an hour. Over the year, average hourly earnings were up for all nonsupervisory workers by industry divisions in the nonmanufacturing sector.

The number of production workers increased by 700, from 684,100 in January to 684,800 in February. Small gains and losses were evident throughout the manufacturing industries. The durable goods industries claimed a major portion (+600) of the overall growth. From February 1987, the number of production workers grew by 19,500, and 11,800 of the increase were in the nondurable goods industries. Throughout manufacturing the largest additions of production workers were noted in textiles, +4,800; furniture, +3,800; apparel, +2,300; and food, +2,100.

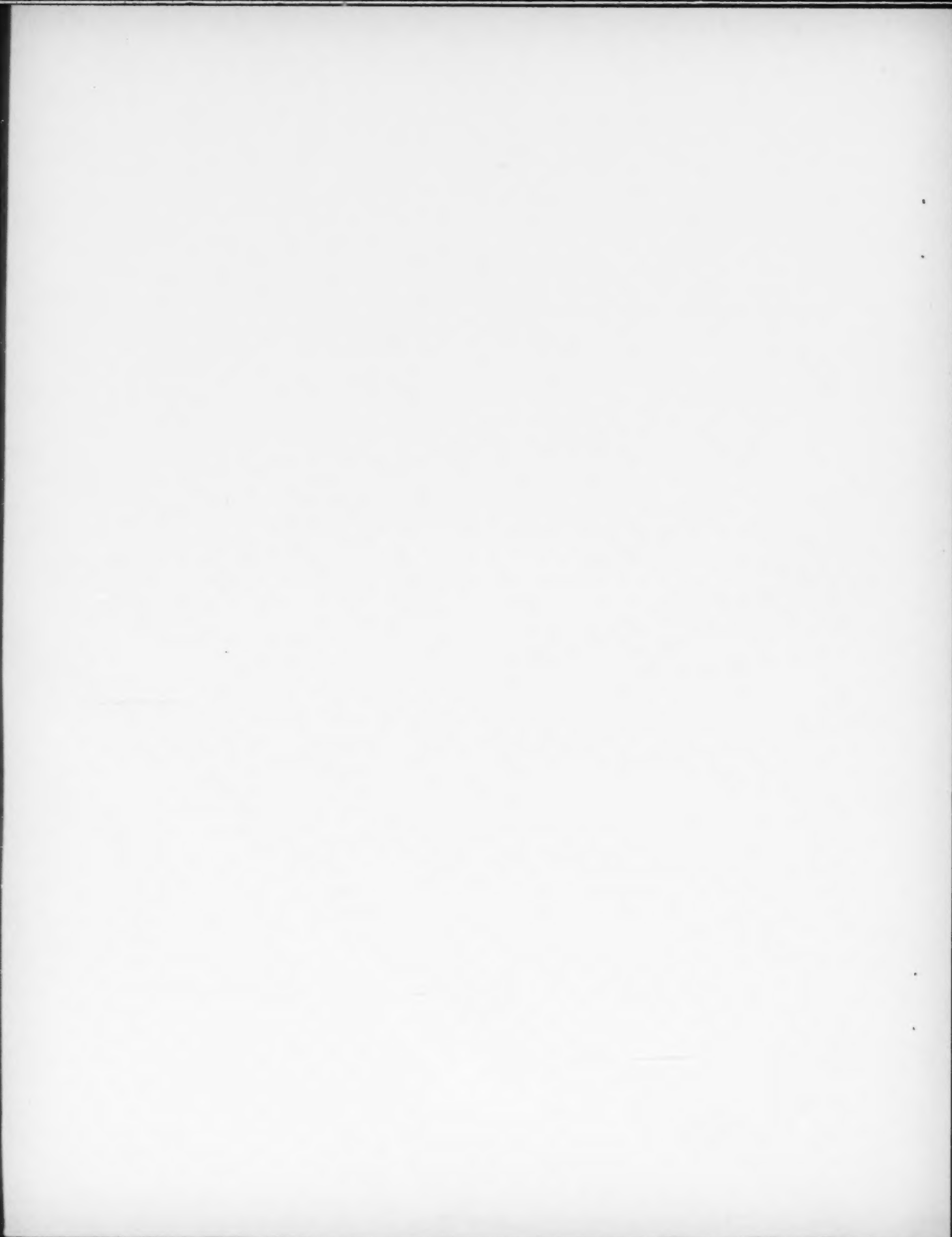


Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

February 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
August 1987 through January 1988

	Feb. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,779	4,827	4,834	4,840	4,846	4,852	4,858
Civilian Labor Force	3,258	3,292	3,324	3,314	3,291	3,291	3,300
Participation Rate ¹	68.2	68.2	68.8	68.5	67.9	67.8	67.9
Employed	3,095	3,157	3,188	3,181	3,144	3,135	3,180
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.8	65.4	65.9	65.7	64.9	64.6	65.5
Unemployed	163	135	136	133	147	156	120
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.1	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.7	3.6
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
November 1987 through January 1988

	Feb. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,779	4,846	4,852	4,858
Civilian Labor Force	3,239	3,280	3,247	3,284
Participation Rate ¹	67.8	67.7	66.9	67.6
Employed	3,059	3,144	3,082	3,146
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.0	64.9	63.5	63.5
Unemployed	180	136	166	138
Unemployment Rate	5.6	44.2	5.1	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.5	1.5	2.4	INA ⁴

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

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Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

February 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Table 2

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
August 1987 through January 1988

	Feb. 1987	Sep. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,998	183,161	183,311	183,470	183,620	183,822	183,969
Civilian Labor Force	119,230	119,963	120,387	120,594	120,722	121,175	121,348
Participation Rate ¹	65.5	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7	65.9	66.0
Employed	111,344	112,872	113,210	113,504	113,744	114,129	114,409
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.2	61.6	61.8	61.9	61.9	62.1	62.2
Unemployed	7,886	7,091	7,177	7,090	6,978	7,046	6,938
Unemployment Rate	6.6	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	INA ⁴

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
November 1987 through January 1988

	Feb. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	181,998	183,620	183,822	183,969
Civilian Labor Force	117,967	120,206	119,742	119,942
Participation Rate ¹	64.8	65.5	65.1	65.2
Employed	109,464	113,679	112,139	112,460
Employment-Population Ratio ²	60.1	61.9	61.0	61.1
Unemployed	8,503	6,526	7,603	7,482
Unemployment Rate	7.2	5.4	6.3	6.2
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	3.2	2.4	2.4	INA ⁴

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

February 1987-February 1988

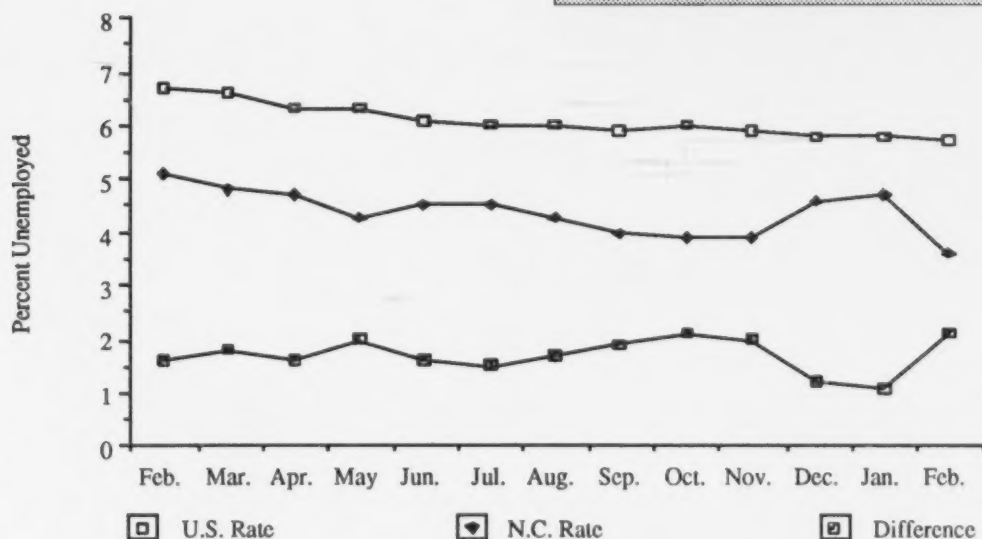


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

February 1987-February 1988

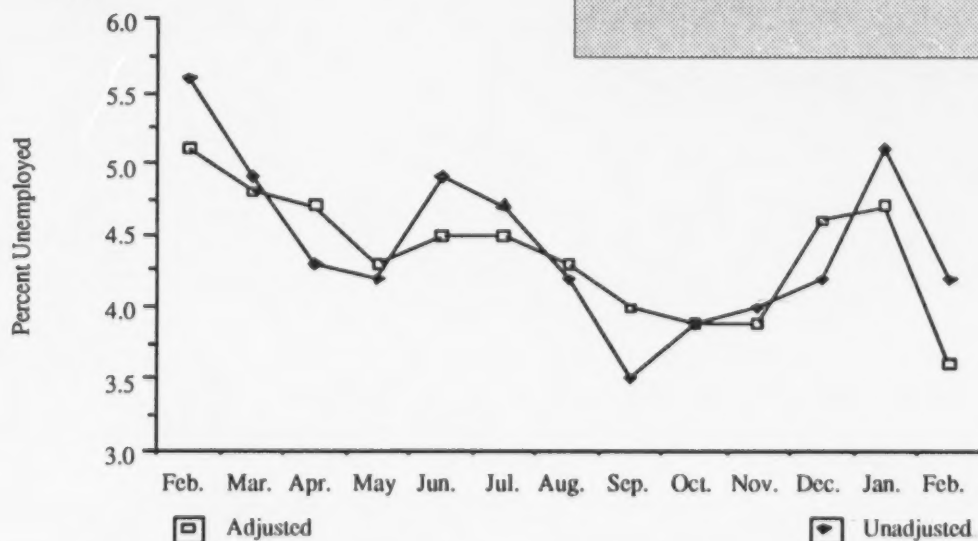


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

February 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	January 1988 Net	Percent	February 1987 Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,284.0	3,247.3	3,239.2	+ 36.7	+ 1.1	+ 44.8	+ 1.4
Unemployment, Total	137.5	165.7	180.3	- 28.2	- 17.0	- 42.8	- 23.7
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	5.1	5.6	- 0.9	xxx	- 1.4	xxx
Employment, Total	3,146.5	3,081.6	3,058.9	+ 64.9	+ 2.1	+ 87.6	+ 2.9
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,300.0	3,291.0	3,258.0	+ 9.0	+ 0.3	+ 42.0	+ 1.3
Unemployment, Total	120.0	156.0	163.0	- 36.0	- 23.1	- 43.0	- 26.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.6	4.7	5.0	- 1.1	xxx	- 1.4	xxx
Employment, Total	3,180.0	3,135.0	3,095.0	+ 45.0	+ 1.4	+ 85.0	+ 2.7
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,935.4	2,916.1	2,814.5	+ 19.3	+ 0.7	+ 120.9	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	869.9	869.2	845.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 24.5	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	351.3	350.8	340.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 10.8	+ 3.2
Lumber & Wood Products	37.0	37.2	37.8	- 0.2	- 0.5	- 0.8	- 2.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.6	12.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.4	9.4	9.5	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 1.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.6	5.2	- 0.2	- 4.3	- 0.8	- 15.4
Furniture & Fixtures	92.7	92.4	88.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.5	+ 5.1
Household Furniture	82.3	82.1	78.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 4.0	+ 5.1
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.4	39.5	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 1.8	+ 4.6
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.9	34.8	33.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.8	+ 5.4

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

February 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	January 1988		February 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.8	20.5	20.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	3.0	2.9	2.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.4	+ 0.1	+ 3.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.1	6.0	6.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.7	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Products	12.0	12.0	11.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.9	+ 8.1
Fabricated Metal Products	27.1	27.1	26.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.5	8.6	8.5	- 0.1	- 1.2	0.0	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.4	55.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 3.1	+ 5.6
Special Industry Machinery	8.3	8.2	7.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	59.8	59.2	- 0.2	- 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Household Appliances	4.8	4.7	4.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 0.3	+ 6.7
Transportation Equipment	26.1	26.1	24.8	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 5.2
Other Durable Goods	17.3	17.3	17.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	518.6	518.4	504.9	+ 0.2	**8	+ 13.7	+ 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	50.8	50.8	48.2	0.0	0.0	+ 2.6	+ 5.4
Meat Products	23.2	23.5	21.6	- 0.3	- 1.3	+ 1.6	+ 7.4
Meat Packing Products	2.4	2.5	2.3	- 0.1	- 4.0	+ 0.1	+ 4.3
Dairy Products	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.4	8.4	8.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Beverages	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.1	24.4	24.9	- 0.3	- 1.2	- 0.8	- 3.2
Cigarettes	18.6	18.6	20.4	0.0	0.0	- 1.8	- 8.8
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	5.1	5.3	4.1	- 0.2	- 3.8	+ 1.0	+ 24.4
Textile Mill Products	223.0	223.0	217.9	0.0	0.0	+ 5.1	+ 2.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton,							
Synthetics & Wool	51.5	51.5	50.2	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.5	26.4	25.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.4	24.5	23.9	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 2.1

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(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	January 1988		February 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Knitting Mills	84.8	84.2	83.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.8	+ 2.2
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	25.6	25.2	26.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.6	- 0.4	- 1.5
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.5	22.7	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.3	16.3	15.1	0.0	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 7.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.6	6.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.5	+ 0.6	+ 9.8
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	14.9	15.1	14.5	- 0.2	- 1.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.2	56.1	55.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.8	90.7	88.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.8	+ 3.2
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.5	31.3	29.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	+ 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.3	35.4	36.7	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 1.4	- 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.9	21.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.6
Printing & Publishing	29.1	28.9	28.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.9	+ 3.2
Newspapers	10.8	10.7	10.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.5	40.3	39.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	13.0	12.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.9	34.1	32.0	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.9	+ 5.9
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.3	4.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.3	+ 0.3	+ 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	2,065.5	2,046.9	1,969.1	+ 18.6	+ 0.9	+ 96.4	+ 4.9
Mining	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	169.5	161.6	156.5	+ 7.9	+ 4.9	+ 13.0	+ 8.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	145.6	145.1	138.0	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.6	+ 5.5
Transportation, exc. Railroad	84.6	84.3	77.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 7.2	+ 9.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.1	57.0	56.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.2

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February 1988¹

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(Numbers in Thousands)*

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	January 1988		February 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	665.0	658.8	634.3	+ 6.2	+ 0.9	+ 30.7	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade	158.9	158.6	150.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 8.9	+ 5.9
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.8	95.7	90.7	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 5.1	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63.1	62.9	59.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 3.8	+ 6.4
Retail Trade	506.1	500.2	484.3	+ 5.9	+ 1.2	+ 21.8	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	69.8	69.0	68.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.2	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
Food Stores	78.9	78.0	76.4	+ 0.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.5	+ 3.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.3	130.7	122.7	- 0.4	- 0.3	+ 7.6	+ 6.2
Service & Miscellaneous	505.4	500.4	476.4	+ 5.0	+ 1.0	+ 29.0	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	28.7	28.3	28.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 0.7	+ 2.5
Personal Services	31.4	30.9	28.4	+ 0.5	+ 1.6	+ 3.0	+ 10.6
Laudries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.9	13.8	12.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.1	+ 8.6
Total Government	444.7	445.4	436.2	- 0.7	- 0.2	+ 8.5	+ 1.9
Federal	53.4	53.8	52.7	- 0.4	- 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
State	128.9	129.1	127.6	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 1.0
Education	66.9	66.8	66.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Other	62.0	62.3	61.0	- 0.3	- 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 1.6
Local	262.4	262.5	255.9	- 0.1	**8	+ 6.5	+ 2.5
Education	136.2	136.7	133.8	- 0.5	- 0.4	+ 2.4	+ 1.8
Other	126.2	125.8	122.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 3.4
All Other Nonag. Employment	255.6	252.3	252.3	+ 3.3	+ 1.3	+ 3.3	+ 1.3
Agriculture	34.1	32.2	36.7	+ 1.9	+ 5.9	- 2.6	- 7.1

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Figure 3

**Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

February 1988

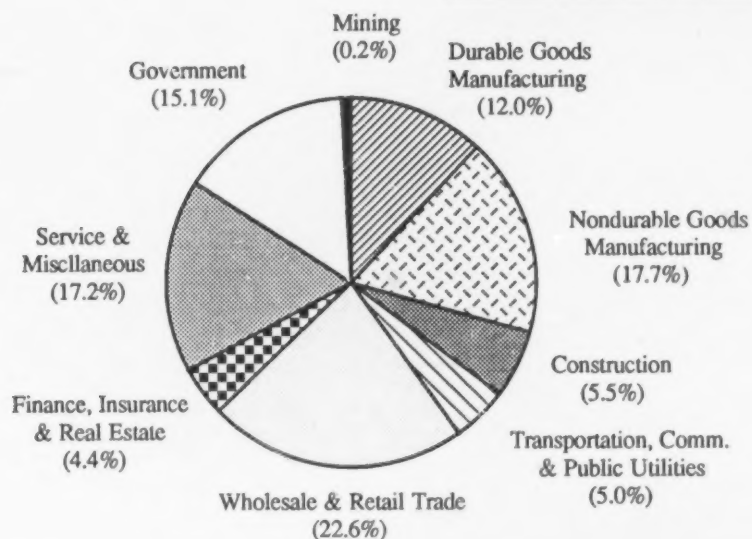


Figure 4

**Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)**

February 1988

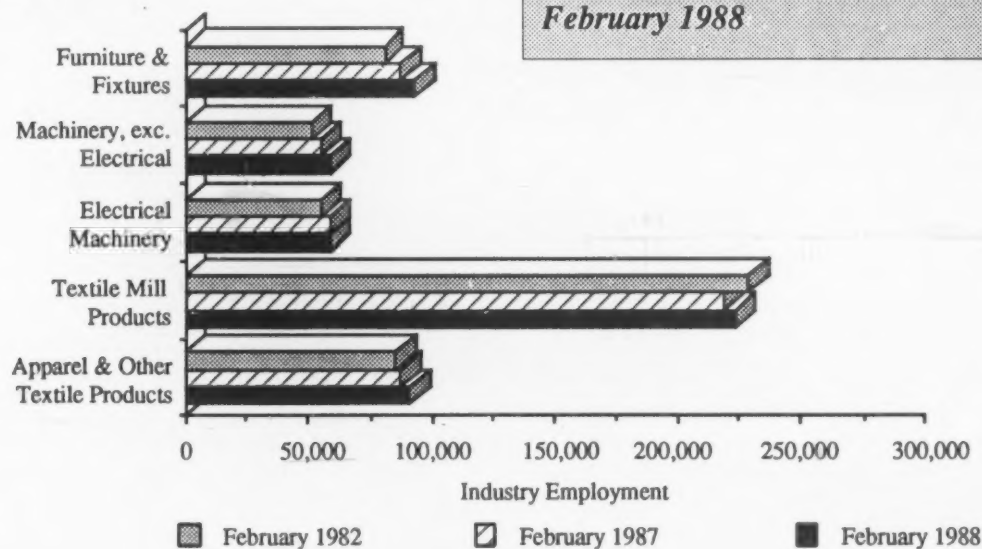


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector¹

February 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,712,755	54,045	2.0	- 11,869	- 18.0
Manufacturing Total	840,940	19,197	2.3	- 11,367	- 37.2
Food Products	48,001	1,448	3.0	- 567	- 28.1
Tobacco	24,981	547	2.2	+ 293	+ 115.4
Textile Products	218,856	5,127	2.3	- 6,262	- 55.0
Apparel Products	84,630	2,800	3.3	- 2,220	- 44.2
Lumber & Wood	37,870	1,975	5.2	- 233	- 10.6
Furniture & Fixtures	87,402	1,590	1.8	- 817	- 33.9
Paper & Allied	21,991	278	1.3	+ 69	+ 33.0
Printing & Publishing	28,136	253	0.9	+ 18	+ 7.7
Chemicals & Allied	39,331	297	0.8	- 126	- 29.8
Rubber & Plastics	32,700	798	2.4	- 181	- 18.5
Leather Products	3,474	48	1.4	- 229	- 82.7
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,159	671	3.3	- 194	- 22.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,130	692	1.9	- 158	- 18.6
Nonelectrical Machinery	55,952	570	1.0	- 183	- 24.3
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,089	1,449	2.5	- 378	- 20.7
Transportation Equipment	24,139	352	1.5	- 172	- 32.8
Other Manufacturing ²	18,099	302	1.7	- 27	- 8.2
Construction	155,705	11,865	7.6	- 627	- 5.0
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	132,923	1,786	1.3	+ 49	+ 2.8
Trade	633,734	7,780	1.2	- 299	- 3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121,292	1,126	0.9	+ 84	+ 8.1
Services	429,428	4,623	1.1	+ 281	+ 6.5
State Government	112,590	440	0.4	+ 7	+ 1.6
Local Government	256,243	790	0.3	+ 33	+ 4.4
Other ³	xxx	6,438	xxx	- 30	- 0.5

¹These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

²"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

³"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

February 1988¹

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2, 3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	10,225	9,931	293	23	890
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	325	320	0	1	5
Clerical Occupations	1,510	1,474	12	1	23
Sales Occupations	284	280	0	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	92	83	1	0	0
Other Service Occupations	1,764	1,577	5	0	17
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	307	294	246	0	1
Processing Occupations	677	656	8	9	1
Machine Trade Occupations	1,415	1,412	1	1	16
Benchwork Occupations	1,891	1,888	7	0	8
Structural Work Occupations	1,275	1,253	9	0	786
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	242	230	8	2	13
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,939	1,830	0	8	30
Miscellaneous Occupations	36	33	0	1	0

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5

(Continued)

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

February 1988¹

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,867	623	1,745	118	2,158	306	638
30	8	36	11	178	53	122
215	300	456	68	355	98	246
10	7	219	12	32	0	1
0	0	0	0	82	0	6
81	9	642	11	743	103	161
31	0	2	4	9	5	15
589	0	48	0	5	1	1
1,267	10	48	1	74	1	5
1,720	1	25	0	141	1	2
315	13	36	11	96	32	40
29	90	64	0	24	7	9
972	191	212	0	487	2	32
19	2	1	0	7	3	4

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

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Figure 5

*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

February 1987-February 1988

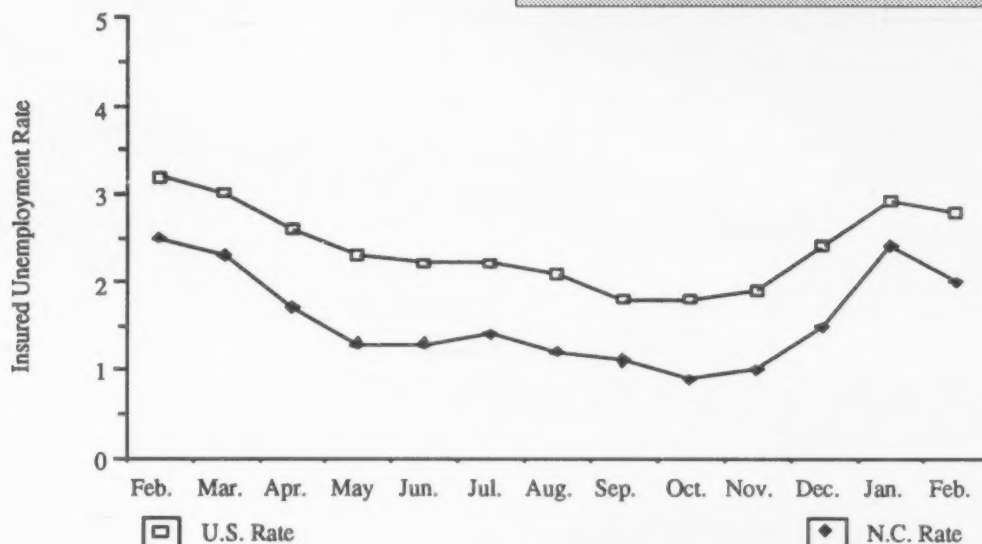
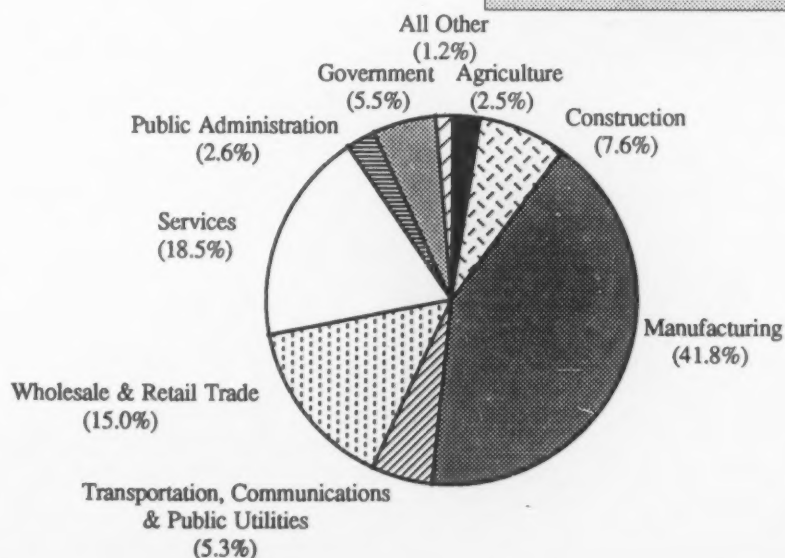


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
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Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

February 1988



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

February 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,902.2	2,882.6	2,783.5	+ 0.7	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	864.5	863.8	840.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	350.2	349.7	339.5	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Lumber & Wood Products	36.4	36.6	37.2	- 0.5	- 2.2
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.4	12.3	12.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.8
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.2	9.4	+ 1.1	- 1.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.3	4.5	5.1	- 4.4	- 15.7
Furniture & Fixtures	93.3	93.0	88.8	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Household Furniture	83.0	82.6	78.9	+ 0.5	+ 5.2
Wood Household Furniture	41.4	41.3	39.6	+ 0.2	+ 4.5
Upholstered Household Furniture	35.0	34.9	33.2	+ 0.3	+ 5.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.4	20.1	19.9	+ 1.5	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.7	+ 3.7	+ 3.7
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	5.9	5.8	5.9	+ 1.7	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.9	11.0	0.0	+ 8.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	26.9	27.0	26.4	- 0.4	+ 1.9
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.3	8.4	8.3	- 1.2	0.0
Machinery, except Electrical	58.6	58.3	55.5	+ 0.5	+ 5.6
Special Industry Machinery	8.3	8.2	7.8	+ 1.2	+ 6.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.3	57.7	58.9	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Household Appliances	4.4	4.6	4.2	- 4.3	+ 4.8
Transportation Equipment	26.1	25.9	24.8	+ 0.8	+ 5.2
Other Durable Goods ³	17.2	17.3	16.9	- 0.6	+ 1.8
Nondurable Goods	514.3	514.1	500.7	**6	+ 2.7
Food & Kindred Products	49.7	49.9	47.2	- 0.4	+ 5.3
Meat Products	23.1	23.3	21.5	- 0.9	+ 7.4
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.3	- 4.0	+ 4.3
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.8	5.8	5.6	0.0	+ 3.6

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services, Forestry and Fisheries.

⁶Less than .05 percent.

Table I
(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina

February 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.4	24.7	24.2	- 5.3	- 3.3
Cigarettes	18.5	18.6	20.3	- 0.5	- 8.9
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.4	5.6	3.5	-21.4	+ 25.7
Textile Mill Products	221.0	220.5	215.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	51.3	51.7	50.0	- 0.8	+ 2.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.4	26.6	25.6	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.5	23.8	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Knitting Mills	84.0	82.9	82.3	+ 1.3	+ 2.1
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	25.4	25.0	25.8	+ 1.6	- 1.6
Hosiery, NEC	22.3	22.0	22.5	+ 1.4	- 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	15.9	14.9	+ 1.3	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.0	+ 1.5	+ 10.0
Textile Finishing, except Wool	14.8	15.0	14.4	- 1.3	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	56.0	54.8	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.3	90.0	87.5	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.4	31.1	29.5	+ 1.0	+ 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.2	35.1	36.6	+ 0.3	- 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	21.9	0.0	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.5	10.5	10.3	0.0	+ 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.9	7.6	- 1.3	+ 2.6
Printing & Publishing	29.4	29.1	28.5	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Newspapers	10.7	10.6	10.4	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.3	40.0	39.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.8
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.1	13.0	12.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.8
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.8	33.6	31.9	+ 0.6	+ 6.0
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	4.4	4.3	4.1	+ 2.3	+ 7.3

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³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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⁶Less than .05 percent.

Table I

(Continued)

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

January 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,037.7	2,018.7	1,943.3	+ 0.9	+ 4.9
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	159.7	152.4	147.4	+ 4.8	+ 8.3
Transportation & Public Utilities	143.6	142.9	136.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Transportation, except Railroad	83.1	82.4	76.0	+ 0.8	+ 9.3
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.7	56.7	56.0	0.0	+ 1.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	648.7	650.0	618.7	- 0.2	+ 4.8
Wholesale Trade	156.8	156.3	148.0	+ 0.3	+ 5.9
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.5	95.2	90.4	+ 0.3	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	61.3	61.1	57.6	+ 0.3	+ 6.4
Retail Trade	491.9	493.7	470.7	- 0.4	+ 4.5
General Merchandise Stores	67.4	69.7	65.7	- 3.3	+ 2.6
Food Stores	78.0	77.8	75.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.1	129.4	121.6	- 0.2	+ 6.2
Service & Miscellaneous ⁵	496.8	489.9	468.3	+ 1.4	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.5	24.9	24.9	+ 2.4	+ 2.4
Personal Services	32.1	31.5	29.0	+ 1.9	+ 10.7
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.8	13.8	12.7	0.0	+ 8.7
Health Services	124.3	123.8	118.7	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
Hospitals	47.5	47.2	45.7	+ 0.6	+ 3.9
Legal Services	12.8	12.7	11.4	+ 0.8	+ 12.2
Educational Services	33.4	31.6	33.7	+ 5.7	- 0.9
Total Government	455.1	449.4	446.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.9
Federal	53.0	53.4	52.3	- 0.7	+ 1.3
State	132.8	128.0	131.4	+ 3.8	+ 1.1
Education	71.5	66.6	71.1	+ 7.4	+ 0.6
Other	61.3	61.4	60.3	- 0.2	+ 1.7
Local	269.3	268.0	262.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Education	144.9	144.5	142.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.8
Other	124.4	123.5	120.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.3

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²Revised.

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Table II

**Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and
Hourly Earnings of Selected Production
and Non-supervisory Workers in
North Carolina¹**

February 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987
Manufacturing	322.80	325.19	321.26	40.3	40.7	41.4	8.01	7.99	7.76
Durable Goods	338.23	341.96	335.27	40.8	41.3	41.7	8.29	8.28	8.04
Lumber & Wood Products	281.20	279.20	277.95	40.0	40.0	41.3	7.03	6.98	6.73
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	285.42	285.77	274.55	40.6	41.0	41.1	7.03	6.97	6.68
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	320.62	286.04	311.20	39.1	37.1	40.0	8.20	7.71	7.78
Furniture & Fixtures	286.73	291.46	290.09	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.39	7.36	7.11
Household Furniture	284.40	289.87	289.27	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.33	7.32	7.09
Wood Household Furniture	272.35	278.70	277.64	39.3	40.1	41.5	6.93	6.95	6.69
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	365.29	367.42	357.44	41.7	41.8	42.3	8.76	8.79	8.45
Structural Clay Products	321.20	316.83	315.00	42.6	42.3	45.0	7.54	7.49	7.00
Primary Metal Industries	409.92	412.02	395.85	42.7	43.6	43.5	9.60	9.45	9.10
Fabricated Metal Industries	369.98	373.05	357.70	41.9	42.2	41.4	8.83	8.84	8.64
Machinery, exc. Electrical	379.14	380.84	391.13	42.6	42.6	43.8	8.90	8.94	8.93
Special Industry Machinery	362.92	371.95	370.99	42.2	43.3	43.8	8.60	8.59	8.47
Electrical Machinery	385.74	393.64	375.50	41.3	42.1	41.4	9.34	9.35	9.07
Household Appliances	274.09	288.01	248.61	39.1	41.5	36.4	7.01	6.94	6.83
Transportation Equipment	392.84	403.64	378.45	43.6	44.7	43.6	9.01	9.03	8.68
Nondurable Goods	313.20	314.74	313.47	40.0	40.3	41.3	7.83	7.81	7.59
Food & Kindred Products	268.28	266.32	263.47	38.0	37.3	37.8	7.06	7.14	6.97
Meat Products	213.96	208.29	208.25	35.9	34.6	35.0	5.96	6.02	5.95
Meat Packing Products	343.12	314.03	339.39	42.1	39.7	41.9	8.15	7.91	8.10

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

January 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987
Dairy Products	309.46	297.20	304.16	43.1	41.8	41.9	7.18	7.11	7.09
Grain Mill Products	331.14	332.11	328.86	41.6	42.2	43.5	7.96	7.87	7.56
Bakery Products	322.64	330.64	308.92	41.1	41.8	41.3	7.85	7.91	7.48
Beverages	511.75	518.06	479.14	40.2	40.6	39.5	12.73	12.76	12.13
Tobacco Manufacturers	623.10	581.03	566.62	40.2	39.1	37.8	15.50	14.86	14.99
Cigarettes	672.77	666.65	621.01	40.7	39.8	38.5	16.53	16.75	16.13
Textile Mill Products	235.15	220.98	208.63	35.9	35.7	32.7	6.55	6.19	6.38
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	286.82	291.33	293.26	40.8	41.5	43.0	7.03	7.02	6.82
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	321.03	327.66	334.63	41.0	41.9	43.8	7.83	782.00	7.64
Weaving Mills, Cotton	312.44	326.23	341.30	39.7	41.4	43.7	7.87	7.88	7.81
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	328.32	329.80	327.19	42.2	42.5	43.8	7.78	7.76	7.47
Knitting Mills	265.17	266.59	263.74	40.3	40.7	41.6	6.58	6.55	6.34
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	240.33	243.82	243.41	38.7	39.2	40.1	6.21	6.22	6.07
Hosiery, NEC	260.53	264.36	247.78	40.9	41.5	39.9	6.37	6.37	6.21
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	299.94	300.46	303.16	41.6	42.2	44.0	7.21	7.12	6.89
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	337.72	338.00	336.92	45.7	45.8	48.2	7.39	7.38	6.99
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	287.83	296.90	302.13	40.2	41.7	43.1	7.16	7.12	7.01
Yarn & Thread Mills	284.00	291.06	296.82	41.1	42.0	44.5	6.91	6.93	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	207.58	207.94	207.90	37.2	37.4	38.5	5.58	5.56	5.40
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	206.55	205.10	208.62	36.3	36.3	38.0	5.69	5.65	5.04
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	191.73	196.27	187.99	36.8	37.6	37.3	5.21	5.22	5.49

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

January 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1987	Feb. ³ 1987
Paper & Allied Products	485.07	490.91	496.60	42.7	43.1	44.3	11.36	11.39	11.21
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	638.44	631.15	678.28	44.0	43.2	47.3	14.51	14.61	14.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	378.90	389.85	361.23	41.5	42.7	42.2	9.13	9.30	8.56
Printing & Publishing	359.72	357.37	349.77	39.1	39.1	39.3	9.20	9.13	8.90
Newspapers	297.14	289.66	280.11	33.2	32.4	32.8	8.95	8.94	8.54
Chemicals & Allied Products	463.75	471.32	445.12	42.9	43.4	42.8	10.81	10.86	10.40
Plastics & Synthetics	525.33	528.39	526.92	44.9	45.2	45.7	11.70	11.69	11.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	405.41	401.80	390.52	41.2	41.0	41.5	9.84	9.80	9.41
Mining	430.83	409.45	391.44	47.5	45.8	46.6	9.07	8.94	8.40
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	514.88	521.94	509.54	42.1	42.4	41.8	12.23	12.31	12.19
Wholesale & Retail Trade	208.93	206.98	206.40	31.8	31.6	32.3	6.57	6.55	6.39
Wholesale Trade	333.26	329.16	327.16	39.3	39.0	39.8	8.48	8.44	8.22
Retail Trade	173.75	171.69	172.44	29.7	29.5	30.2	5.85	5.82	5.71
General Merchandise Stores	156.20	151.00	159.05	26.7	25.9	28.2	5.85	5.83	5.64
Food Stores	182.68	185.81	185.81	30.6	30.6	31.6	5.97	5.98	5.88
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	148.54	147.56	141.85	30.5	30.3	29.8	4.87	4.87	4.76
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	203.35	201.24	198.71	35.0	35.0	34.8	5.81	5.85	5.71

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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³Revised.

Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

February 1988

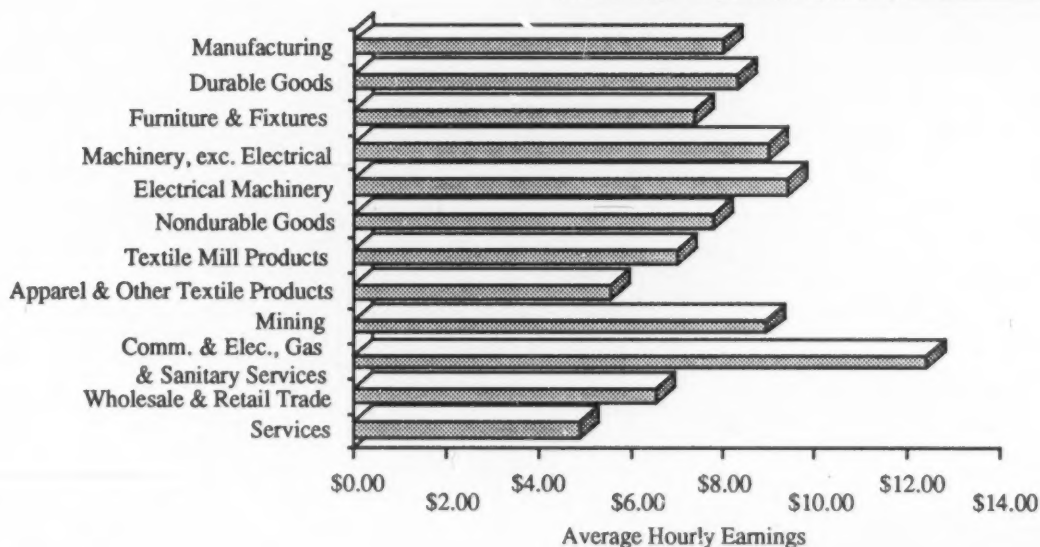


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

February 1988

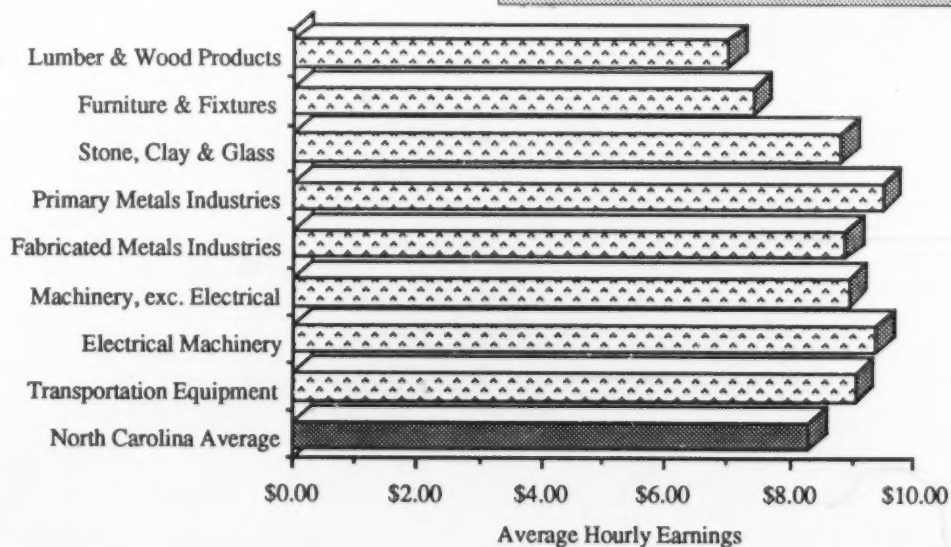


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

February 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Manufacturing	684.8	684.1	665.3	+ 0.1	+ 2.9
Durable Goods	264.1	263.5	256.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Lumber & Wood Products	30.9	31.0	31.7	- 0.3	- 2.5
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.0	7.9	8.1	+ 1.3	- 1.2
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.5	3.7	4.1	- 5.4	- 14.6
Furniture & Fixtures	81.6	81.3	77.8	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Household Furniture	73.0	72.7	69.6	+ 0.4	+ 4.9
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	37.4	36.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.3	16.0	15.9	+ 1.9	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.2	0.0	+ 8.5
Fabricated Metal Industries	20.2	20.2	19.8	0.0	+ 2.0
Machinery, except Electrical	29.8	29.6	28.1	+ 0.7	+ 6.0
Special Industry Machinery	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 1.8	+ 7.5
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.4	42.5	42.1	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Household Appliances	3.7	4.0	3.8	- 7.5	- 2.6
Transportation Equipment	21.1	20.9	20.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.5
Other Durable Goods ³	13.0	13.0	12.6	0.0	+ 3.2
Nondurable Goods	420.7	420.6	408.9	**5	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	35.7	35.9	33.6	- 0.6	+ 6.2
Meat Products	20.4	20.6	19.1	- 1.0	+ 6.8
Meat Packing Plants	1.7	1.8	1.7	- 5.6	0.0
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	- 4.8
Bakery Products	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	+ 4.3

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³This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵Less than .05 percent.

Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

February 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ² 1988	Feb. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1987
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.0	19.1	18.7	- 5.8	- 3.7
Cigarettes	13.9	14.0	15.7	- 0.7	- 11.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.8	4.8	2.6	-20.8	+46.2
Textile Mill Products	195.7	195.2	190.9	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	45.8	46.1	44.3	- 0.7	+ 3.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.4	23.5	22.4	- 0.4	+ 4.5
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.9	22.1	21.3	- 0.9	+ 2.8
Knitting Mills	74.4	73.4	72.9	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.4	22.1	22.9	+ 1.4	- 2.2
Hosiery, NEC	20.2	19.9	20.3	+ 1.5	- 0.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.9	13.8	12.8	+ 0.7	+ 8.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.8	5.7	5.2	+ 1.8	+11.5
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.5	12.7	12.1	- 1.6	+ 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.7	50.8	49.7	- 0.2	+ 2.0
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.6	78.3	76.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	27.0	26.7	25.6	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	30.7	30.6	31.9	+ 0.3	- 3.8
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.4	0.0	+ 1.2
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	+ 1.4
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.0	6.0	5.7	0.0	+ 5.3
Printing & Publishing	18.5	18.2	17.6	+ 1.6	+ 5.1
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	+ 5.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.2	26.0	25.8	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.3	9.3	8.8	0.0	+ 5.7
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.7	27.6	26.2	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	3.8	3.6	3.4	+ 5.6	+11.8

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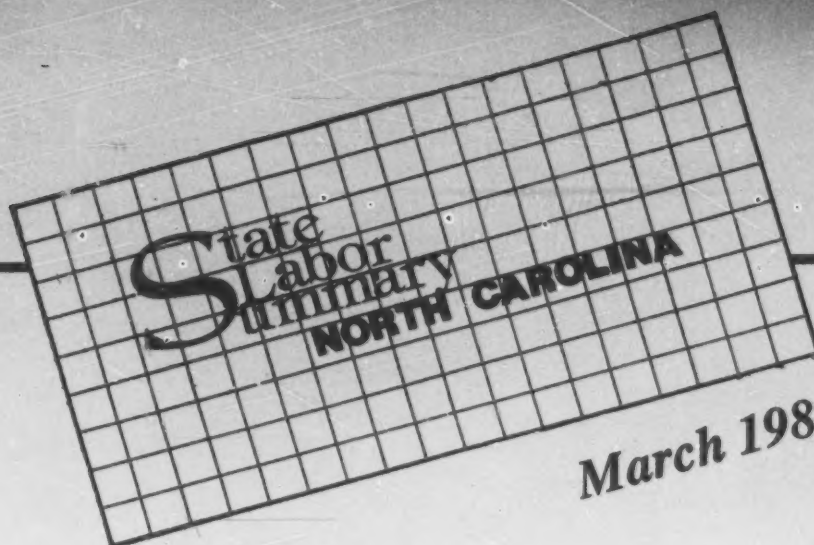
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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, was 3.8 percent in March, an increase of 0.2 percent from the February rate of 3.6 percent. The adjusted rate for the nation was 5.6 in March, down 0.1 from the previous month. From March 1987, the state's unemployment rate was down 1.0 percent, and the national rate declined 0.9 percent for the twelve-month period.

From February 1988 to March 1988, the seasonally adjusted civilian labor in the state declined to 3,296,000 (-4,000). Over the year, however, the civilian labor force saw an increase of 49,000 to reach the March estimate.

A decrease of 9,000 employed persons, after seasonal adjustments, occurred over the month as North Carolina's employment fell to 3,171,000 in March. From March 1987, employment in the state increased by 80,000 workers (+2.6 percent). The number of unemployed persons at 125,000 in March was an increase of 5,000 over the February estimate of 120,000. There was an over the year decline of 31,000 unemployed persons, for a decrease of about 20 percent.

North Carolina's seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment experienced a loss of 4,000 workers, dropping from 2,935,800 in February to 2,931,800 in March. Employment over the month was down in both manufacturing (-3,800) and nonmanufacturing (-200). In durable and nondurable goods, employment declined from February to March. Most of the industry divisions showed small employment decreases, but small monthly gains were reported in lumber and wood (+200); machinery, except electrical (+200); food (+200); apparel (+100); and printing and publishing (+200). Industry employment gains from March 1987 totaled 104,200. Manufacturing, with a 2.0 percent growth, added 13,200 workers over the year. Employment increases amounted to 87,000 (+4.4 percent) in nonmanufacturing. Trade employment was up by 27,500, and the service industry registered an increase of 26,400 workers.

The weekly average of claims filed in March was 44,466, down 9,579 from February. Over half the decrease (-5,412) occurred in construction. Manufacturing claims were 1,177 less in March than in February.

The number of individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission totaled 11,352 in March 1988. There were 5,596 individuals placed in manufacturing jobs, 2,232 in services, 1,901 in trade, and 1,142 in construction. By occupation, 2,137 individuals were placed in benchwork, 2,039 in packaging and material handling, and 2,029 in services, except domestic.

Manufacturing workers averaged \$8.01 an hour in March which was \$.02 more than in February and \$.25 more than in March 1987. Average weekly earnings were \$322.80, and average weekly hours stood at 40.3. The number of hours worked per week was 0.4 less than a year ago, and the average weekly earnings increased by \$1.54. The highest paid workers in nonmanufacturing in March were those in the communications and public utilities industry, earning \$12.23 an hour.

Production workers in North Carolina manufacturing industries totaled 682,500 in March, 2,000 less than the February estimate of 684,500. Production employment climbed by 100 in durable goods, while nondurable goods sustained a loss of 2,100. The tobacco industry lost 1,500 of these workers. From a year ago, production employment rose by 12,800 workers. The furniture and textile industries both gained 3,100 workers as food added 2,000.

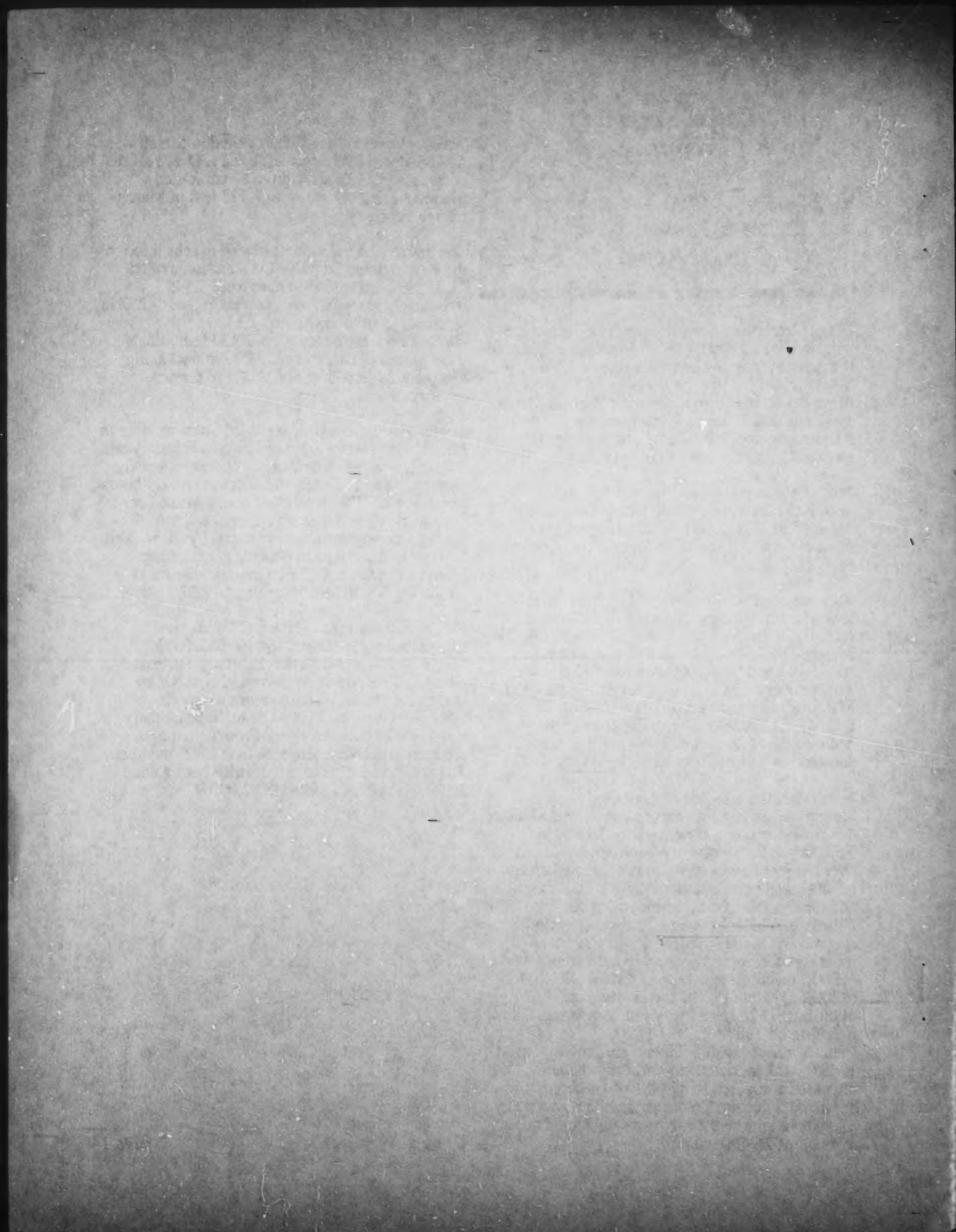


Table 1

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1987 through March 1988

	Mar. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,786	4,834	4,840	4,846	4,852	4,858	4,864
Civilian Labor Force	3,247	3,324	3,314	3,291	3,291	3,300	3,296
Participation Rate ¹	67.8	68.8	68.5	67.9	67.8	67.9	67.8
Employed	3,091	3,188	3,181	3,144	3,135	3,180	3,171
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.6	65.9	65.7	64.9	64.6	65.5	65.2
Unemployed	156	136	133	147	156	120	125
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.7	3.6	3.8
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
January 1988 through March 1988

	Mar. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,786	4,852	4,858	4,864
Civilian Labor Force	3,219	3,247	3,284	3,265
Participation Rate ¹	67.3	66.9	67.6	67.1
Employed	3,060	3,082	3,146	3,136
Employment-Population Ratio ²	63.9	63.9	63.5	64.8
Unemployed	159	166	138	129
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	4.2	4.0
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.3	2.4	2.0	INA ⁴

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

⁴Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
October 1987 through March 1988

	Mar. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,179	183,311	183,470	183,620	183,822	183,969	184,111
Civilian Labor Force	119,246	120,387	120,594	120,722	121,175	121,348	120,903
Participation Rate ¹	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.7	65.9	66.0	65.7
Employed	111,455	113,210	113,504	113,744	114,129	114,409	114,103
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.5	61.8	61.9	61.9	62.1	62.2	62.0
Unemployed	7,791	7,177	7,090	6,978	7,046	6,938	6,801
Unemployment Rate	6.5	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.2	INA ⁴

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
January 1987 through March 1988

	Mar. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,179	183,822	183,969	184,111
Civilian Labor Force	118,353	119,742	119,942	119,957
Participation Rate ¹	65.0	65.1	65.2	65.2
Employed	110,229	112,139	112,460	112,867
Employment-Population Ratio ²	60.5	61.1	61.1	61.3
Unemployed	8,124	7,603	7,482	7,090
Unemployment Rate	6.9	6.3	6.2	5.9
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	3.0	2.4	2.8	INA ⁴

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Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

March 1987-March 1988

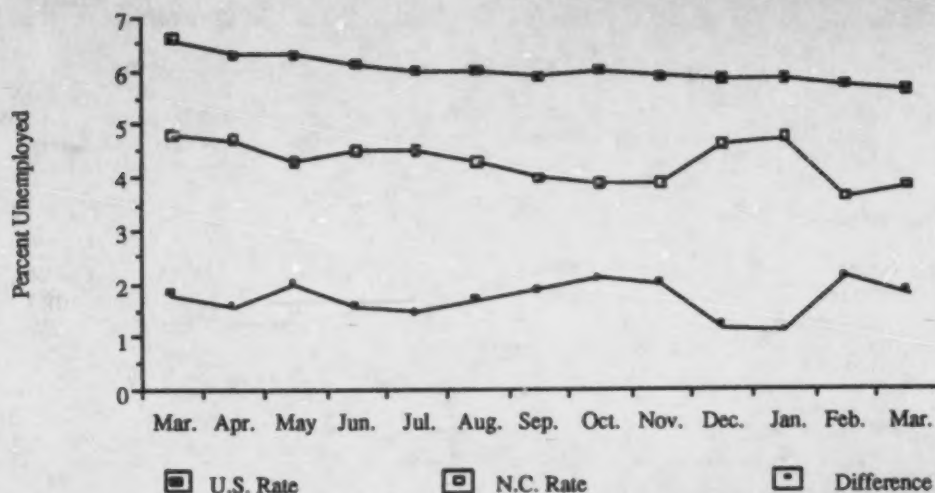


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

March 1987-March 1988

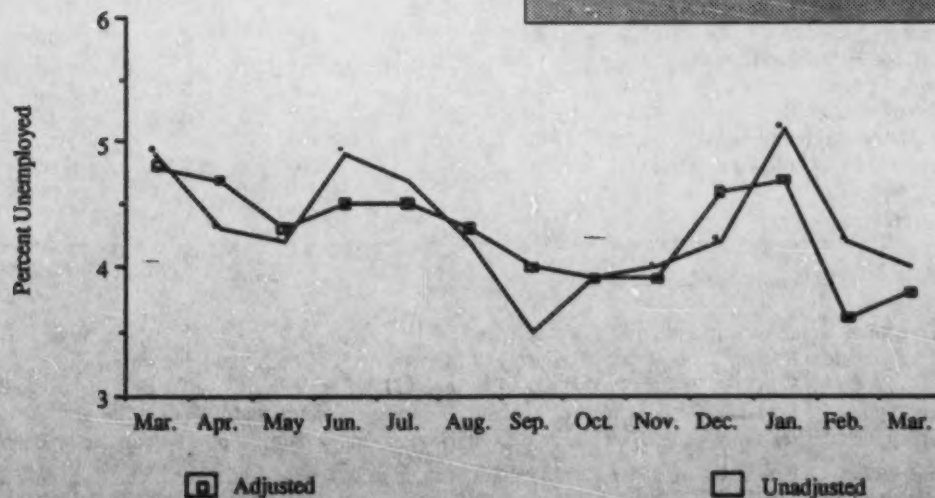


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	February 1988		March 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,265.1	3,284.0	3,218.7	- 18.9	- 0.6	+ 46.4	+ 1.4
Unemployment, Total	129.1	137.5	158.8	- 8.4	- 6.1	- 29.7	- 18.7
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.0	4.2	4.9	- 0.2	xxx	- 0.9	xxx
Employment, Total	3,136.0	3,146.5	3,059.9	- 10.5	- 0.3	+ 76.1	+ 2.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,296.0	3,300.0	3,247.0	- 4.0	- 0.1	+ 49.0	+ 1.5
Unemployment, Total	125.0	120.0	156.0	+ 5.0	+ 4.2	- 31.0	- 19.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.8	3.6	4.8	+ 0.2	xxx	- 1.0	xxx
Employment, Total	3,171.0	3,180.0	3,091.0	- 9.0	- 0.3	+ 80.0	+ 2.6
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,931.8	2,935.8	2,827.6	- 4.0	- 0.1	+ 104.2	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	866.3	870.1	849.1	- 3.8	- 0.4	+ 17.2	+ 2.0
Durable Goods	350.7	351.8	341.5	- 1.1	- 0.3	+ 9.2	+ 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	37.3	37.1	37.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.5	- 1.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.6	12.6	12.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.4	9.4	9.6	0.0	0.0	- 0.2	- 2.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.4	5.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.8	- 0.3	- 6.0
Furniture & Fixtures	92.4	92.8	88.6	- 0.4	- 0.4	+ 3.8	+ 4.3
Household Furniture	82.1	82.3	78.7	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 3.4	+ 4.3
Wood Household Furniture	41.2	41.2	39.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.7	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.6	35.0	33.1	- 0.4	- 1.1	+ 1.5	+ 4.5

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	February 1988		March 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.7	20.7	20.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.9	3.0	2.9	- 0.1	- 3.3	0.0	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 0.1	- 1.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Products	11.9	12.0	11.2	- 0.1	- 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 6.2
Fabricated Metal Products	27.0	27.2	26.7	- 0.2	- 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.4	8.6	8.6	- 0.2	- 2.3	- 0.2	- 2.3
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.5	56.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 2.7	+ 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.4	8.2	7.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.3
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.5	60.0	59.2	- 0.5	- 0.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 0.1	- 2.1	0.0	- 0.0
Transportation Equipment	25.8	26.1	24.9	- 0.3	- 1.1	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
Other Durable Goods ⁴	17.4	17.4	17.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	515.6	518.3	507.6	- 2.7	- 0.5	+ 8.0	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	51.1	50.9	48.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.5	+ 5.1
Meat Products	23.5	23.2	22.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 6.8
Meat Packing Products	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 0.1	- 3.1	+ 0.1	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	0.0	- 0.1	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.4	8.1	- 0.1	- 1.2	+ 2.0	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.8	6.0	6.0	- 0.2	- 3.3	- 0.2	- 3.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	23.5	24.8	- 0.8	- 3.4	- 2.1	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.9	18.6	20.2	+ 0.3	+ 1.6	- 1.3	- 6.4
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	4.5	4.2	- 1.3	- 28.9	- 1.0	- 23.8
Textile Mill Products	221.1	223.2	218.1	- 2.1	- 0.9	+ 3.0	+ 1.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton,							
Synthetics & Wool	51.3	51.5	50.9	- 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.5	26.5	26.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.3	24.4	24.1	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.8

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	February 1988		March 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Knitting Mills	84.4	84.9	83.4	- 0.5	- 0.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	25.8	25.6	25.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	- 0.1	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	22.7	22.6	22.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	16.2	15.2	- 0.5	- 3.1	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.6	6.0	- 0.1	- 1.5	+ 0.5	+ 8.3
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	14.8	14.9	14.4	- 0.1	- 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.8	56.4	55.0	- 0.6	- 1.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.8	90.7	89.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.6	+ 1.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.7	31.5	29.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	+ 6.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	35.4	35.2	37.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	- 2.1	- 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.0	22.0	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.3	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.8	7.8	7.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	29.4	29.2	28.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Newspapers	10.8	10.8	10.4	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.5	40.5	40.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.2
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	12.6	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.9	32.5	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 1.2	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.3	+ 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	2,865.5	2,065.7	1,978.5	- 0.2	xxx	+ 87.0	+ 4.4
Mining	5.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	169.0	169.9	158.5	- 0.9	- 0.5	+ 10.5	+ 6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	145.9	145.4	139.1	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 6.8	+ 4.9
Transportation, exc. Railroad	85.3	84.6	78.4	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 6.9	+ 8.8
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	57.0	56.6	- 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

March 1988¹

*(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)*

Table 3

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Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	February 1988		March 1987	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	663.0	665.0	635.5	- 2.0	- 0.3	+ 27.5	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	159.4	159.1	149.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 9.6	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.6	95.8	90.3	- 0.2	- 0.2	+ 5.3	+ 5.9
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63.8	63.3	59.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.3	+ 7.2
Retail Trade	503.6	505.9	485.7	- 2.3	- 0.5	+ 17.9	+ 3.7
General Merchandise Stores	69.8	69.7	68.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.4	+ 2.0
Food Stores	79.0	78.9	76.9	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	+ 2.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.8	130.4	123.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 7.5	+ 6.1
Service & Miscellaneous ⁶	504.3	505.0	477.9	- 0.7	+ 0.1	+ 26.4	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.9	28.6	27.9	- 0.7	- 2.4	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	31.4	31.3	28.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 3.0	+ 10.6
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	14.0	12.7	0.0	0.0	+ 1.3	+ 10.2
Total Government	447.5	445.0	439.2	+ 2.5	+ 0.6	+ 8.3	+ 1.9
Federal	53.7	53.5	53.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.9
State	129.9	129.0	130.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.7	- 0.2	- 0.2
Education	67.4	66.9	68.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	- 1.1	- 1.6
Other	62.5	62.1	61.6	- 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Local	263.9	262.5	255.9	+ 1.4	+ 0.5	+ 8.0	+ 3.1
Education	136.8	136.3	133.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 3.1	+ 2.3
Other	127.1	126.2	122.2	+ 0.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.9	+ 4.0
All Other Nonag. Employment ⁷	256.2	255.6	250.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 6.1	+ 2.4
Agriculture	37.5	34.1	40.3	+ 3.4	+ 10.0	- 2.8	- 6.9

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³Data are compiled on the basis of Place of Residence.

⁴This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁵This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

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⁷This category includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers in private households.

Figure 3

*Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

March 1988

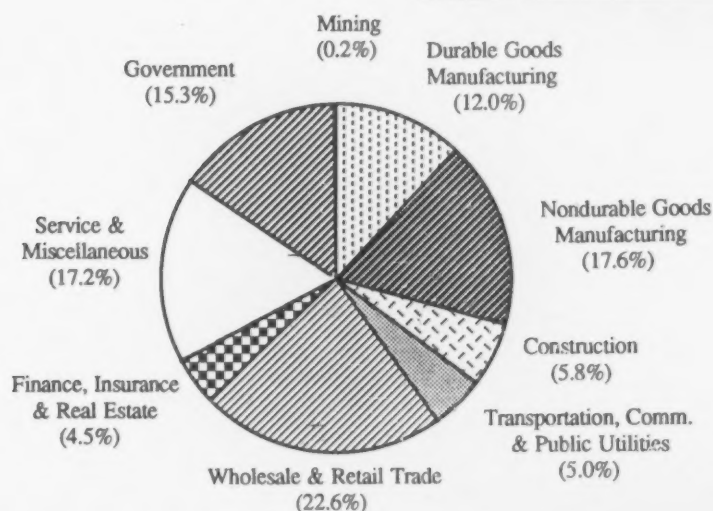


Figure 4

*Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)*

March 1988

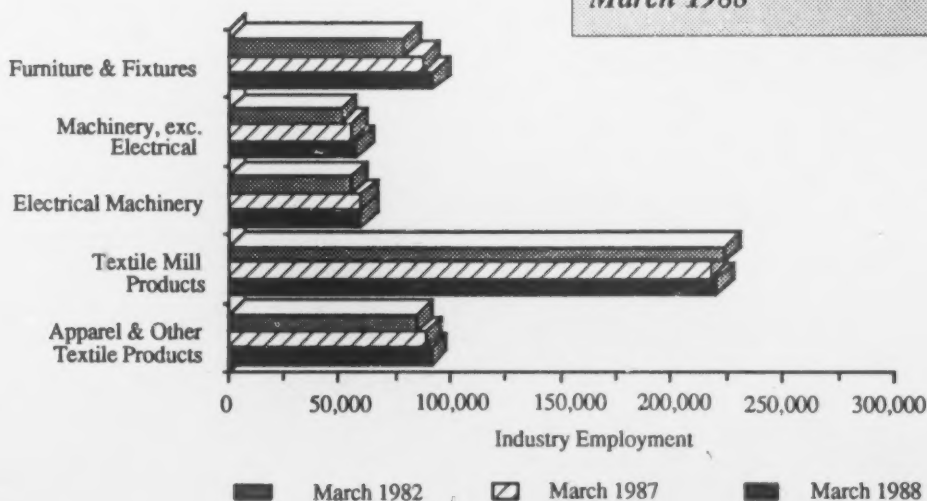


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector¹

March 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,712,755	44,466	1.6	- 9,579	- 17.7
Manufacturing Total	840,940	18,020	2.1	- 1,177	- 6.1
Food Products	48,001	1,272	2.6	- 176	+ 12.2
Tobacco	24,981	1,099	4.4	+ 552	+ 100.9
Textile Products	218,856	5,094	2.3	- 33	- 0.6
Apparel Products	84,630	2,945	3.5	+ 145	+ 5.2
Lumber & Wood	37,870	1,117	2.9	- 858	- 43.4
Furniture & Fixtures	87,402	1,438	1.6	- 152	- 9.6
Paper & Allied	21,991	197	0.9	- 81	- 29.1
Printing & Publishing	28,136	262	0.9	+ 9	+ 3.6
Chemicals & Allied	39,331	254	0.6	- 43	- 14.5
Rubber & Plastics	32,700	771	2.4	- 27	- 3.4
Leather Products	3,474	45	1.3	- 3	- 6.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,159	371	1.8	- 300	- 44.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,130	576	1.6	- 116	- 16.8
Nonelectrical Machinery	55,952	647	1.2	+ 77	+ 13.5
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	58,089	1,458	2.5	+ 9	+ 0.6
Transportation Equipment	24,139	281	1.2	- 71	- 20.2
Other Manufacturing ²	18,099	193	1.1	- 109	- 36.1
Construction	155,705	6,453	4.1	- 5,412	- 45.6
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	132,923	1,426	1.1	- 360	- 20.2
Trade	633,734	7,139	1.1	- 641	- 8.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121,292	1,059	0.9	- 67	- 6.0
Services	429,428	3,940	0.9	- 683	- 14.8
State Government	112,590	407	0.4	- 33	- 7.5
Local Government	256,243	641	0.3	- 149	- 18.9
Other ³	xxx	5,381	xxx	- 1,057	- 16.4

¹These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

²"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

³"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

March 1988¹

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2,3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	123,358	115,883	7,173	120	10,160
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	3,708	3,369	25	2	53
Clerical Occupations	13,938	13,686	58	9	238
Sales Occupations	3,746	3,548	13	1	12
Domestic Service Occupations	1,072	785	4	0	1
Other Service Occupations	18,799	17,974	32	4	129
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	12,333	7,890	6,563	0	91
Processing Occupations	9,517	9,152	133	30	22
Machine Trade Occupations	14,301	14,213	39	11	295
Benchwork Occupations	19,555	19,444	39	0	41
Structural Work Occupations	13,736	13,400	80	16	8,863
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	2,553	2,391	51	9	208
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	21,047	19,345	173	33	351
Miscellaneous Occupations	433	386	1	5	6

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

³A regular job is defined as a job which has a duration of three or more days.

Table 5
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*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

March 1988¹

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
53,452	5,815	18,111	1,175	23,056	4,455	8,485
407	70	464	64	1,447	858	1,448
2,050	1,726	4,354	703	3,602	1,248	2,694
123	89	2,798	70	445	9	29
1	1	2	7	720	49	82
877	217	6,440	118	8,999	1,473	2,663
174	171	75	73	548	219	535
8,230	277	381	7	102	5	10
12,745	66	445	6	612	35	70
17,376	6	253	2	1,860	1	34
2,870	165	291	116	993	344	413
314	838	652	7	291	80	103
10,714	2,170	2,304	5	3,921	96	363

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

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Figure 5

*A Comparison of Insured
Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)*

March 1987-March 1988

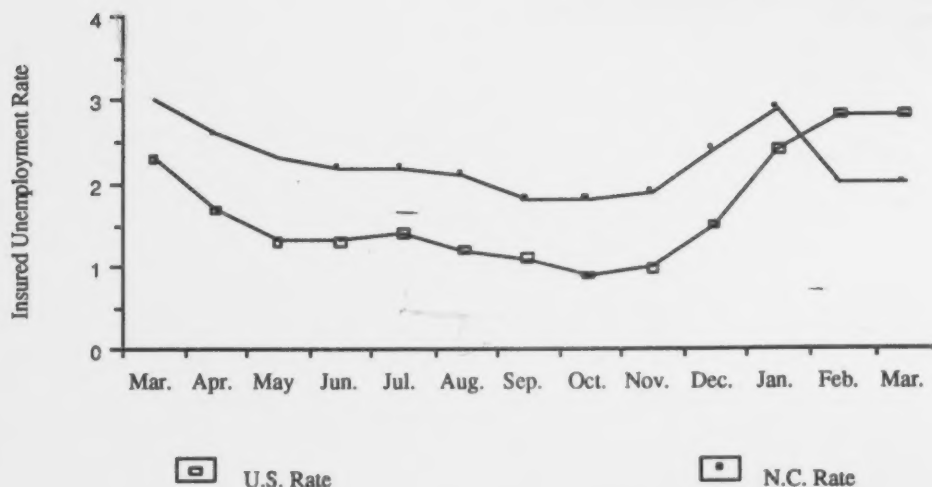
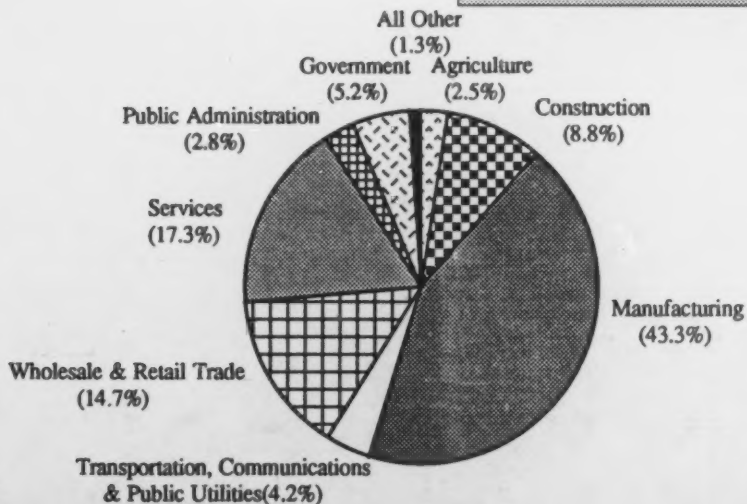


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

March 1988



Appendix

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Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,920.5	2,902.5	2,817.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	862.9	864.7	845.5	- 0.2	+ 2.1
Durable Goods	350.5	350.6	341.2	.6	+ 2.7
Lumber & Wood Products	37.0	36.5	37.6	+ 1.4	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.5	12.4	12.5	+ 0.8	0.0
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.3	9.3	9.5	0.0	- 2.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.3	5.0	+ 9.3	- 6.0
Furniture & Fixtures	92.8	93.4	89.0	- 0.6	+ 4.3
Household Furniture	82.5	83.0	79.1	- 0.6	+ 4.3
Wood Household Furniture	41.3	41.3	39.6	0.0	+ 4.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.8	35.1	33.3	- 0.9	+ 4.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.5	20.3	19.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.0
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.0	5.9	5.8	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.9	11.2	0.0	+ 6.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	26.8	27.0	26.5	- 0.7	+ 1.1
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.2	8.4	8.4	- 2.4	- 2.4
Machinery, except Electrical	58.5	58.4	55.7	+ 0.2	+ 5.0
Special Industry Machinery	8.3	8.2	7.9	+ 1.2	+ 5.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.6	59.7	59.3	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Household Appliances	4.5	4.4	4.5	+ 2.3	0.0
Transportation Equipment	26.0	26.1	25.0	- 0.4	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods ³	17.4	17.3	17.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
Nondurable Goods	512.4	514.1	504.3	- 0.3	+ 1.6
Food & Kindred Products	50.0	49.8	47.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Meat Products	23.3	23.1	21.8	+ 0.9	+ 6.9
Meat Packing Plants	2.5	2.4	2.4	+ 4.2	+ 4.2
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	+ 3.3
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	+ 2.5
Beverages	5.7	5.8	5.7	- 1.7	0.0

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

⁶Less than .05 percent

Table I
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**Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina**

**March 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)**

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.5	22.8	23.5	- 5.7	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.8	18.5	20.1	+ 1.6	- 6.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.3	3.9	3.0	-41.0	- 23.3
Textile Mill Products	220.7	221.2	217.6	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	51.1	51.3	50.6	- 0.4	+ 1.0
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.2	26.4	26.0	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.2	24.3	24.0	- 0.4	+ 0.8
Knitting Mills	84.1	84.1	83.1	0.0	+ 1.2
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	25.7	25.4	25.8	+ 1.2	- 0.4
Hosiery, NEC	22.6	22.4	22.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.7	16.0	15.2	- 1.9	+ 3.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.5	6.0	0.0	+ 8.3
Textile Finishing, except Wool	14.8	14.8	14.4	0.0	+ 2.8
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.9	56.1	55.1	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.9	90.2	88.3	- 0.3	+ 1.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.4	31.4	29.5	0.0	- 5.4
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.9	35.1	36.9	- 0.6	+ 6.4
Paper & Allied Products	21.9	22.1	22.0	- 0.9	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.5	10.3	- 1.9	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	29.8	29.5	28.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
Newspapers	10.8	10.7	10.4	+ 0.9	+ 3.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.5	40.3	40.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	12.6	0.0	+ 3.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.8	32.5	- 0.3	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	+ 7.3

¹Data for the current month are preliminary.

²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

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Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

March 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,057.6	2,037.8	1,971.5	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.9	+ 2.1	0.0
Construction	164.1	160.0	153.9	+ 2.6	+ 6.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	144.6	143.4	137.8	+ 0.8	+ 4.9
Transportation, except Railroad	84.2	83.1	77.5	+ 1.3	+ 8.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.7	56.6	56.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	652.6	648.7	625.7	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Wholesale Trade	158.1	157.0	148.6	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	95.9	95.5	90.6	+ 0.4	+ 5.8
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	62.2	61.5	58.0	+ 1.1	+ 7.2
Retail Trade	494.5	491.7	477.1	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
General Merchandise Stores	67.4	67.3	66.1	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Food Stores	78.3	78.0	76.2	+ 0.4	+ 2.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	129.8	129.2	122.3	+ 0.5	+ 6.1
Service & Miscellaneous ⁵	501.8	496.4	475.5	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.7	25.4	25.7	+ 1.2	0.0
Personal Services	32.2	32.0	29.2	+ 0.6	+ 10.3
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	14.0	13.9	12.7	+ 0.7	+ 10.2
Health Services	125.0	124.3	119.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.8
Hospitals	48.0	47.5	45.9	+ 1.1	+ 4.6
Legal Services	12.9	12.8	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 11.2
Educational Services	33.4	33.4	34.1	0.0	- 2.1
Total Government	459.8	455.3	451.4	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Federal	53.5	53.1	53.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
State	134.2	132.8	134.5	+ 1.1	- 0.2
Education	72.4	71.4	73.6	+ 1.4	- 1.6
Other	61.8	61.4	60.9	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Local	272.1	269.4	263.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Education	146.5	145.0	143.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
Other	125.6	124.4	120.7	+ 1.0	+ 4.1

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⁶Less than .05 percent.

These data replace the February data shown on Table II, Appendix, in the February 1988 issue of the "State Labor Summary: North Carolina."

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

February 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987
Manufacturing	\$324.39	\$326.84	\$316.20	40.6	40.5	40.8	\$ 7.99	\$ 8.07	\$ 7.75
Durable Goods	341.13	336.53	328.43	41.1	40.4	40.9	8.30	8.33	8.03
Lumber & Wood Products	280.00	270.13	268.93	40.0	38.1	39.9	7.00	7.09	6.74
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	288.56	280.80	269.06	41.4	40.0	40.4	6.97	7.02	6.66
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	286.04	274.28	266.42	37.1	34.5	34.6	7.71	7.95	7.70
Furniture & Fixtures	287.82	283.04	281.47	39.0	38.3	39.7	7.38	7.39	7.09
Household Furniture	285.87	280.74	279.89	39.0	38.3	39.7	7.33	7.33	7.05
Wood Household Furniture	278.59	270.66	266.47	40.2	39.0	40.1	6.93	6.94	6.67
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	365.20	341.83	346.94	41.5	38.8	41.5	8.80	8.81	8.36
Structural Clay Products	316.08	298.82	284.95	42.2	40.6	41.0	7.49	7.36	6.95
Primary Metal Industries	412.53	394.70	384.86	43.7	41.2	42.2	9.44	9.58	9.12
Fabricated Metal Industries	375.16	377.90	360.50	42.2	42.7	41.2	8.89	8.85	8.75
Machinery, exc. Electrical	382.17	382.24	384.85	42.7	42.9	43.0	8.95	8.91	8.95
Special Industry Machinery	371.09	356.93	355.32	43.2	41.6	42.2	8.59	8.58	8.42
Electrical Machinery	397.29	393.02	370.64	42.4	41.9	41.0	9.37	9.38	9.04
Household Appliances	288.01	259.99	264.62	41.5	37.9	38.8	6.94	6.86	6.82
Transportation Equipment	402.28	410.85	371.50	44.5	45.0	42.8	9.04	9.13	8.68
Nondurable Goods	313.16	319.95	308.10	40.2	40.5	40.7	7.79	7.90	7.57
Food & Kindred Products	265.88	292.82	261.89	37.5	41.3	37.9	7.09	7.09	6.91
Meat Products	210.35	243.61	213.37	35.0	40.2	35.8	6.01	6.06	5.96
Meat Packing Products	338.98	370.92	310.45	42.8	45.4	39.1	7.92	8.17	7.94

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

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Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

February 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987
Dairy Products	303.16	296.65	291.62	42.4	41.9	41.6	7.15	7.08	7.01
Grain Mill Products	330.49	358.05	329.18	42.1	44.7	43.6	7.85	8.01	7.55
Bakery Products	328.13	343.48	295.25	41.8	43.7	40.5	7.85	7.86	7.29
Beverages	499.99	500.38	464.13	39.4	39.4	39.3	12.69	12.70	11.81
Tobacco Manufacturers	561.63	579.35	520.12	38.6	39.6	35.6	14.55	14.63	14.61
Cigarettes	662.20	720.37	578.89	39.7	42.6	36.5	16.68	16.91	15.86
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	214.37	182.36	191.57	34.8	30.7	29.7	6.16	5.94	6.45
Textile Mill Products	290.21	293.94	288.91	41.4	41.4	42.3	7.01	7.10	6.83
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	323.65	333.32	332.88	41.6	42.3	43.4	7.78	7.88	7.67
Weaving Mills, Cotton	318.68	322.38	333.33	40.7	40.5	42.9	7.83	7.96	7.77
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	328.53	335.64	332.64	42.5	44.2	44.0	7.73	7.82	7.56
Knitting Mills	267.24	264.13	256.14	40.8	39.6	40.4	6.55	6.67	6.34
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	247.73	242.45	238.94	39.7	37.3	39.3	6.24	6.50	6.08
Hosiery, NEC	263.94	259.20	235.36	41.5	40.5	37.9	6.36	6.40	6.21
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	299.75	302.40	299.20	42.1	42.0	43.3	7.12	7.20	6.91
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	328.05	335.07	325.27	45.0	45.9	46.6	7.29	7.30	6.98
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	296.19	298.45	295.68	41.6	41.8	42.3	7.12	7.14	6.99
Yarn & Thread Mills	289.95	297.46	294.81	41.9	42.8	44.2	6.92	6.95	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	206.09	203.81	205.36	37.2	36.2	38.1	5.54	5.63	5.39
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	208.85	206.92	202.37	36.9	35.8	37.2	5.66	5.78	5.44
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	195.90	190.37	190.01	37.6	36.4	37.7	5.21	5.23	5.04

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

March 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987
Manufacturing	\$322.80	\$325.19	\$321.26	40.3	40.7	41.4	\$8.01	\$7.99	\$7.76
Durable Goods	338.23	341.96	335.27	40.8	41.3	41.7	8.29	8.28	8.04
Lumber & Wood Products	281.20	279.20	277.95	40.0	40.0	41.3	7.03	6.98	6.73
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	285.42	285.77	274.55	40.6	41.0	41.1	7.03	6.97	6.68
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	320.62	286.04	311.20	39.1	37.1	40.0	8.20	7.71	7.78
Furniture & Fixtures	286.73	291.46	290.09	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.39	7.36	7.11
Household Furniture	284.40	289.87	289.27	38.8	39.6	40.8	7.33	7.32	7.09
Wood Household Furniture	272.35	278.70	277.64	39.3	40.1	41.5	6.93	6.95	6.69
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	365.29	367.42	357.44	41.7	41.8	42.3	8.76	8.79	8.45
Structural Clay Products	321.20	316.83	315.00	42.6	42.3	45.0	7.54	7.49	7.00
Primary Metal Industries	409.92	412.02	395.85	42.7	43.6	43.5	9.60	9.45	9.10
Fabricated Metal Industries	369.98	373.05	357.70	41.9	42.2	41.4	8.83	8.84	8.64
Machinery, exc. Electrical	379.14	380.84	391.13	42.6	42.6	43.8	8.90	8.94	8.93
Special Industry Machinery	362.92	371.95	370.99	42.2	43.3	43.8	8.60	8.59	8.47
Electrical Machinery	385.74	393.64	375.50	41.3	42.1	41.4	9.34	9.35	9.07
Household Appliances	274.09	288.01	248.61	39.1	41.5	36.4	7.01	6.94	6.83
Transportation Equipment	392.84	403.64	378.45	43.6	44.7	43.6	9.01	9.03	8.68
Nondurable Goods	313.20	314.74	313.47	40.0	40.3	41.3	7.83	7.81	7.59
Food & Kindred Products	268.28	266.32	263.47	38.0	37.3	37.8	7.06	7.14	6.97
Meat Products	213.96	208.29	208.25	35.9	34.6	35.0	5.96	6.02	5.95
Meat Packing Products	343.12	314.03	339.39	42.1	39.7	41.9	8.15	7.91	8.10

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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³Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

March 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987
Dairy Products	\$309.46	\$297.20	\$304.16	43.1	41.8	42.9	\$7.18	\$7.11	\$7.09
Grain Mill Products	331.14	332.11	328.86	41.6	42.2	43.5	7.96	7.87	7.56
Bakery Products	322.64	330.64	308.92	41.1	41.8	41.3	7.85	7.91	7.48
Beverages	511.75	518.06	479.14	40.2	40.6	39.5	12.73	12.76	12.13
Tobacco Manufacturers	623.10	581.03	566.62	40.2	39.1	37.8	15.50	14.86	14.99
Cigarettes	672.77	666.65	621.01	40.7	39.8	38.5	16.53	16.75	16.13
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	286.82	291.33	293.26	40.8	41.5	43.0	7.03	7.02	6.82
Textile Mill Products	235.15	220.98	208.63	35.9	35.7	32.7	6.55	6.19	6.38
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	321.03	327.66	334.63	41.0	41.9	43.8	7.83	7.82	7.64
Weaving Mills, Cotton	312.44	326.23	341.30	39.7	41.4	43.7	7.87	7.88	7.81
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	328.32	329.80	327.19	42.2	42.5	43.8	7.78	7.76	7.47
Knitting Mills	265.17	266.59	263.74	40.3	40.7	41.6	6.58	6.55	6.34
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	240.33	243.82	243.41	38.7	39.2	40.1	6.21	6.22	6.07
Hosiery, NEC	260.53	264.36	247.78	40.9	41.5	39.9	6.37	6.37	6.21
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	299.94	300.46	303.16	41.6	42.2	44.0	7.21	7.12	6.89
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	337.72	338.00	336.92	45.7	45.8	48.2	7.39	7.38	6.99
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	287.83	296.90	302.13	40.2	41.7	43.1	7.16	7.12	7.01
Yarn & Thread Mills	284.00	291.06	296.82	41.1	42.0	44.5	6.91	6.93	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	207.58	207.94	207.90	37.2	37.4	38.5	5.58	5.56	5.40
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	206.55	205.10	208.62	36.3	36.3	38.0	5.69	5.65	5.49
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	191.73	196.27	187.99	36.8	37.6	37.3	5.21	5.22	5.04

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Table II

(Continued)

*Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and
Hourly Earnings of Selected Production
and Non-supervisory Workers in
North Carolina¹*

February 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987	Feb. 1988	Jan. ³ 1988	Feb. ³ 1987
Paper & Allied Products	486.49	522.06	479.37	42.9	45.2	43.5	11.34	11.55	11.02
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	623.24	682.18	633.86	42.6	46.0	45.7	14.63	14.83	13.87
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	387.60	409.92	365.45	42.5	44.8	42.2	9.12	9.15	8.66
Printing & Publishing	358.93	353.86	347.70	39.4	38.8	39.2	9.11	9.12	8.87
Newspapers	295.25	289.90	275.20	33.1	32.5	32.3	8.92	8.92	8.52
Chemicals & Allied Products	470.46	474.14	449.10	43.4	43.3	43.1	10.84	10.95	10.42
Plastics & Synthetics	525.68	552.48	513.16	45.2	46.9	44.7	11.63	11.78	11.48
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	403.03	405.72	391.55	41.0	41.4	41.0	9.83	9.80	9.55
Mining	412.53	345.23	387.54	46.3	39.5	45.7	8.91	8.74	8.48
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	521.56	525.34	505.40	42.3	42.4	41.7	12.33	12.39	12.12
Wholesale & Retail Trade	207.32	201.61	200.66	31.7	30.5	31.6	6.54	6.61	6.35
Wholesale Trade	330.00	323.38	320.62	39.1	38.0	39.1	8.44	8.51	8.20
Retail Trade	172.57	167.28	166.97	29.6	28.4	29.5	5.83	5.89	5.66
General Merchandise Stores	158.92	148.59	153.06	27.4	25.1	26.9	5.80	5.92	5.69
Food Stores	182.70	186.62	182.83	30.5	31.0	31.2	5.99	6.02	5.86
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	142.30	139.65	139.20	29.1	28.5	29.0	4.89	4.90	4.80
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	208.74	190.84	191.31	35.2	32.4	33.8	5.93	5.89	5.66

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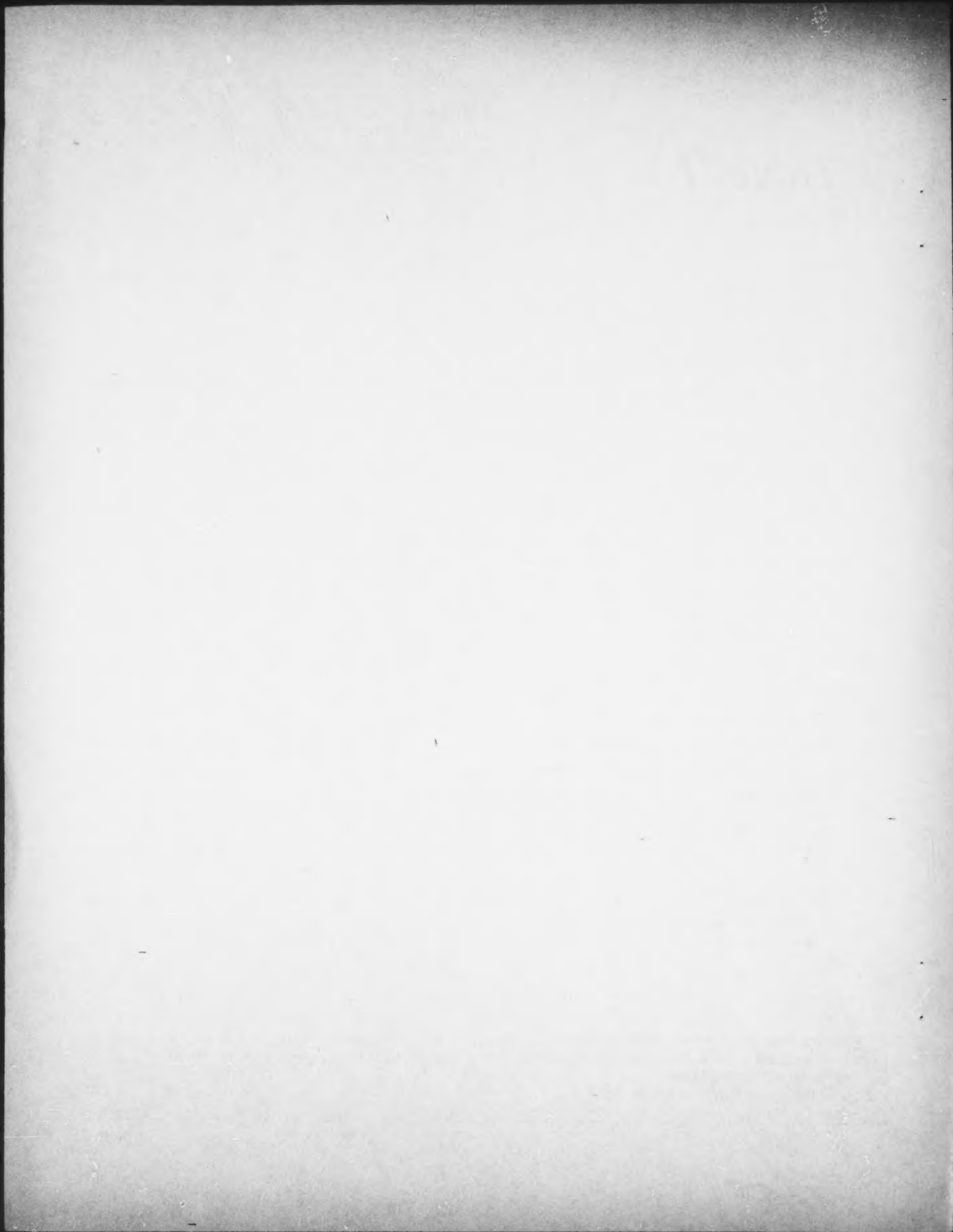


Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

March 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987	Mar. 1988	Feb. ³ 1988	Mar. ³ 1987
Paper & Allied Products	\$485.07	\$490.91	\$496.60	42.7	43.1	44.3	\$11.36	\$11.39	\$11.21
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	638.44	631.15	678.28	44.0	43.2	47.3	14.51	14.61	14.34
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	378.90	389.85	361.23	41.5	42.7	42.2	9.13	9.13	8.56
Printing & Publishing	359.72	357.37	349.77	39.1	39.1	39.3	9.20	9.30	8.90
Newspapers	297.14	289.66	280.11	33.2	32.4	32.8	8.95	8.94	8.54
Chemicals & Allied Products	463.75	471.32	445.12	42.9	43.4	42.8	10.81	10.86	10.40
Plastics & Synthetics	525.33	528.39	526.92	44.9	45.2	45.7	11.70	11.69	11.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	405.41	401.80	390.52	41.2	41.0	41.5	9.84	9.80	9.41
Mining	430.83	409.45	391.44	47.5	45.8	46.6	9.07	8.94	8.40
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	514.88	521.94	509.54	42.1	42.4	41.8	12.23	12.31	12.19
Wholesale & Retail Trade	208.93	206.98	206.40	31.8	31.6	32.3	6.57	6.55	6.39
Wholesale Trade	333.26	329.16	327.16	39.3	39.0	39.8	8.48	8.44	8.22
Retail Trade	173.75	171.69	172.44	29.7	29.5	30.2	5.85	5.82	5.71
General Merchandise Stores	156.20	151.00	159.05	26.7	25.9	28.2	5.85	5.83	5.64
Food Stores	182.68	182.99	185.81	30.6	30.6	31.6	5.97	5.98	5.88
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	148.54	147.56	141.85	30.5	30.3	29.8	4.87	4.87	4.76
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	203.35	201.24	198.71	35.0	34.4	34.8	5.81	5.85	5.71

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

March 1988

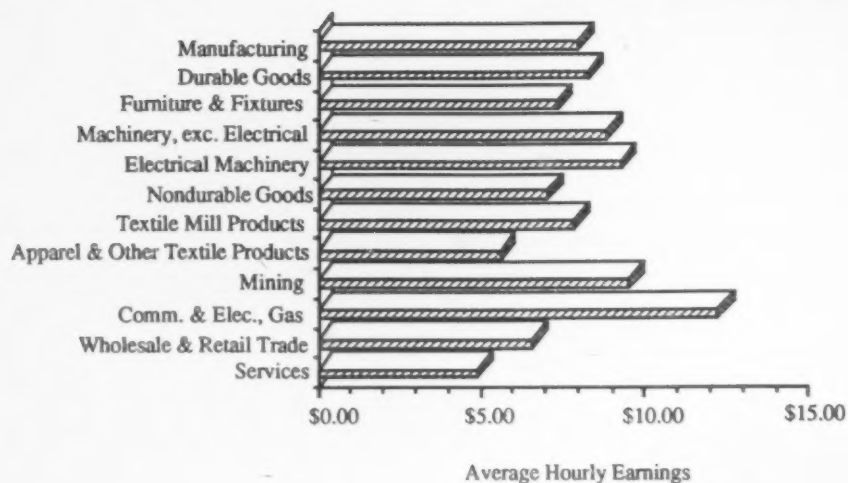


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

March 1988

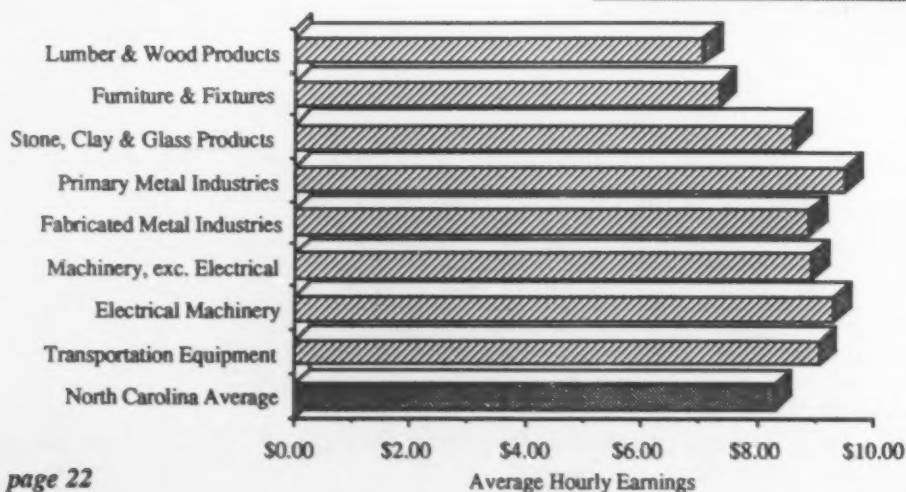


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Manufacturing	682.5	684.5	669.7	- 0.3	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	264.1	264.0	257.6		+ 2.5
Lumber & Wood Products	31.6	31.0	32.0	+ 1.9	- 1.2
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	- 2.4
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.8	3.5	4.0	+ 8.6	- 5.0
Furniture & Fixtures	81.1	81.6	78.0	- 0.6	+ 4.0
Household Furniture	72.6	73.0	69.8	- 0.5	+ 4.0
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.5	36.0	- 0.3	+ 3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.4	16.2	16.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	20.1	20.2	19.9	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, except Electrical	29.7	29.7	28.3	0.0	+ 4.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.6	5.6	5.4	0.0	+ 3.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.4	42.3	42.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Household Appliances	3.8	3.7	4.1	+ 2.7	- 7.3
Transportation Equipment	21.0	21.1	20.2	- 0.5	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods ³	13.1	13.0	12.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.1
Nondurable Goods	418.4	420.5	412.1	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Food & Kindred Products	35.9	35.9	33.9	0.0	+ 5.9
Meat Products	20.6	20.5	19.4	+ 0.5	+ 6.2
Meat Packing Plants	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 5.9	+ 5.9
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	1.9	2.0	2.1	- 5.0	- 9.5
Bakery Products	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	+ 4.3

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

⁵Less than .05 percent

Table III

(Continued)

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

March 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Mar. 1988	Feb. ² 1988	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1987
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	16.1	17.4	18.1	- 7.5	- 11.0
Cigarettes	14.1	13.9	15.6	+ 1.4	- 9.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.6	3.1	2.1	-48.4	- 23.8
Textile Mill Products	195.6	196.0	192.5	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	45.6	45.9	44.9	- 0.7	+ 1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.2	23.4	22.8	- 0.9	+ 1.8
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.8	22.0	21.6	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Knitting Mills	74.7	74.6	73.6	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.7	22.4	23.0	+ 1.3	- 1.3
Hosiery, NEC	20.5	20.3	20.3	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.6	13.9	13.1	- 2.2	+ 3.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	+ 7.5
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.5	12.5	12.1	0.0	+ 3.3
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.7	50.8	50.0	- 0.2	+ 1.4
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.1	78.5	77.1	- 0.5	+ 1.3
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.9	26.9	25.6	0.0	+ 5.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	30.4	30.6	32.2	- 0.7	- 5.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.5	16.6	16.5	- 0.6	0.0
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.3	7.4	7.3	- 1.4	0.0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.9	5.9	5.9	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	18.6	18.4	17.7	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Newspapers	4.3	4.2	4.0	+ 2.4	+ 7.5
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.2	26.2	26.1	0.0	+ 0.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.2	9.3	8.9	- 1.1	+ 3.4
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.6	27.8	26.7	- 0.7	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods ³	3.8	3.7	3.4	+ 2.7	+ 11.8

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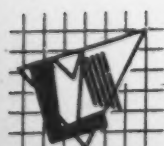
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HIGHLIGHTS

North Carolina's unemployment rate after seasonal adjustments was 3.7 in April, a slight drop of 0.1 percent from the prior month's rate of 3.8. For the nation, the adjusted unemployment rate was 5.4 for April. The national rate was 5.6 in March. From a year ago, the state's rate was down from 4.7 percent.

The civilian labor force for North Carolina reached 3,300,000 in April for a monthly increase of 4,000 from the March estimate of 3,296,000. From April 1987, the civilian labor force reflected an increase of 49,000.

Employment, seasonally adjusted for April, moved upward to 3,177,000 from 3,171,000 in March for an increase of 6,000 workers. The number employed in April 1988 was 79,000 greater than in April 1987, for an increase of about 2.6 percent. The number of persons unemployed was 2,000 less in April (123,000) than in March (125,000). From April a year ago, the unemployed estimate was down by 30,000. The April 1987 unemployed numbered 153,000.

In April, North Carolina's seasonally adjusted industry employment was 2,931,000, a decline of 1,700 from the prior month's estimate of 2,933,400. An over-the-month loss of 4,800 occurred in manufacturing, while employment in nonmanufacturing increased by 3,100 workers. In manufacturing, the largest employment gain was recorded in the electrical machinery industry (+700). Employment gains in nonmanufacturing were highest in the trade industry (+1,400), followed by transportation and public utilities (+900) and services (+800).

A total of 94,400 employees were added to industry payrolls from April 1987-April 1988. Manufacturing employment rose by 11,400, and employment in nonmanufacturing was up by 83,000. More than two-thirds of the manufacturing growth was in durable goods (+7,900). Increases of 2,700 workers occurred in both

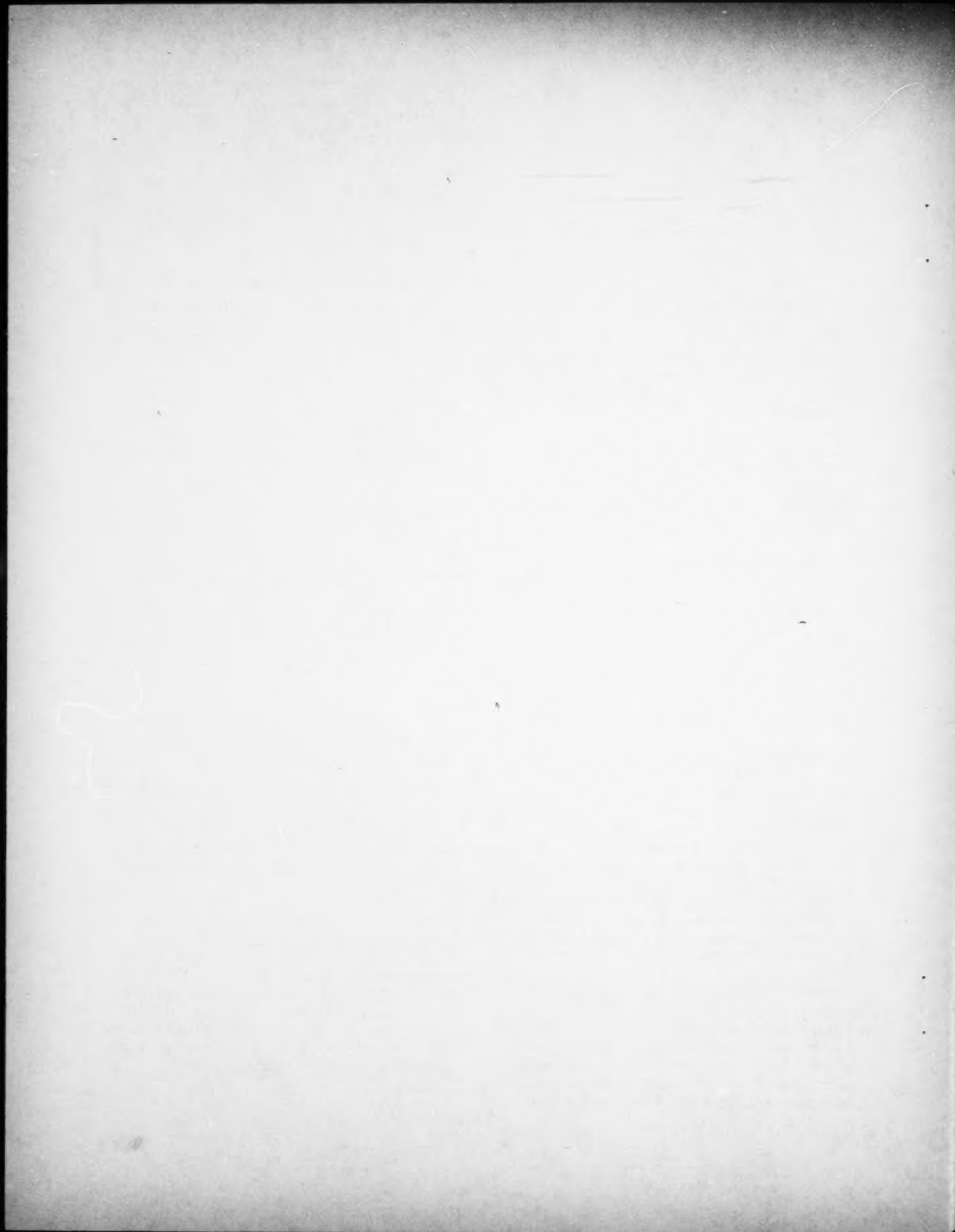
the furniture and machinery, except electrical, industries. In durables, the food industry posted an employment growth of 2,100 from April 1987.

As of April 30, 1988, the average number of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance stood at 35,395, down 9,071 (-20.4 percent) from March. The largest decreases were in manufacturing, -2,417; construction, -2,193; trade, -1,881; and services, -1,010.

In April 1988, 9,969 individuals were placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission. Nearly half (4,895) of the individuals was placed in manufacturing industries. More than 2,000 persons found jobs in the service industry, while 1,876 individuals were placed in the trade industry. By occupational category, 1,839 individuals were employed in packaging and material handling; 1,813 in bench work; 1,754 in services, except domestic; and 1,559 in machine trades.

Production workers in manufacturing earned \$8.05 an hour in April. The average hours worked were 40.5, and average weekly earnings amounted to \$326.03. There was an increase of \$.03 an hour in average hourly earnings from April 1987. Workers in cigarette manufacturing had the highest hourly pay at \$16.55. In non-manufacturing, workers in communications and public utilities averaged \$12.29 an hour during April 1988.

The number of production workers in North Carolina dropped from 683,200 in March to 679,400 in April (-3,800). Most major industry divisions registered small losses as durable goods lost 1,100 production workers, and nondurable goods experienced a decrease of 2,700. From April a year ago, however, manufacturing gained 7,700 production workers. The largest gain was reported in the furniture industry, +2,400.



Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

April 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Table 1

<u>Seasonally Adjusted</u>	Reference Month:	Time Series Data:						
	Previous Year	November 1987 through April 1988						
	Apr. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988	
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,793	4,840	4,846	4,852	4,858	4,864	4,869	
Civilian Labor Force	3,251	3,314	3,291	3,291	3,300	3,296	3,300	
Participation Rate ¹	68.2	68.5	67.9	67.8	67.9	67.8	67.8	
Employed	3,098	3,181	3,144	3,135	3,180	3,171	3,177	
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.8	65.7	64.9	64.6	65.5	65.2	65.2	
Unemployed	153	133	147	156	120	125	123	
Unemployment Rate	4.7	4.0	4.5	4.7	3.6	3.8	3.7	
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	

<u>Not Seasonally Adjusted</u>	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: February 1988 through April 1988			
		Apr. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,793	4,858	4,864	4,869	
Civilian Labor Force	3,206	3,284	3,265	3,252	
Participation Rate ¹	66.9	67.6	67.1	66.8	
Employed	3,067	3,146	3,136	3,142	
Employment-Population Ratio ²	64.0	64.8	64.5	64.5	
Unemployed	139	138	129	109	
Unemployment Rate	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.4	
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.5	2.0	1.6	INA ⁴	

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

⁴Information not available.

Table 2

Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

April 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
November 1987 through April 1988

	Apr. 1987	Nov. 1987	Dec. 1987	Jan. 1988	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,344	183,470	183,620	183,822	183,969	184,111	184,232
Civilian Labor Force	119,363	120,594	120,722	121,175	121,348	120,903	121,323
Participation Rate ¹	65.5	65.7	65.7	65.9	66.0	65.7	65.9
Employed	111,806	113,504	113,744	114,129	114,409	114,103	114,713
Employment-Population Ratio ²	61.3	61.9	61.9	62.1	62.2	62.0	62.3
Unemployed	7,557	7,090	6,978	7,046	6,938	6,801	6,610
Unemployment Rate	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.4
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	INA ⁴

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Reference Month:
Previous Year

Time Series Data:
February 1988 through April 1988

	Apr. 1987	Feb. 1988	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1988
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	182,344	183,969	184,111	184,232
Civilian Labor Force	118,347	119,942	119,957	120,264
Participation Rate ¹	64.9	65.2	65.2	65.3
Employed	111,041	112,460	112,867	113,905
Employment-Population Ratio ²	60.9	61.1	61.3	61.8
Unemployed	7,306	7,482	7,090	6,359
Unemployment Rate	6.2	6.2	5.9	5.3
Insured Unemployment Rate ³	2.6	2.8	2.6	INA ⁴

¹The participation rate represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population that are in the labor force.

²The employment-population ratio represents the percentage of individuals in the civilian population who are employed.

³The insured unemployment rate represents a weekly average of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits in a given month as a percentage of employment covered under the Employment Security Law for the most recent 12-month period for which data are available.

⁴Information not available.

Figure 1

A Comparison of Unemployment Rates in North Carolina and the United States (Seasonally Adjusted)

April 1987-April 1988

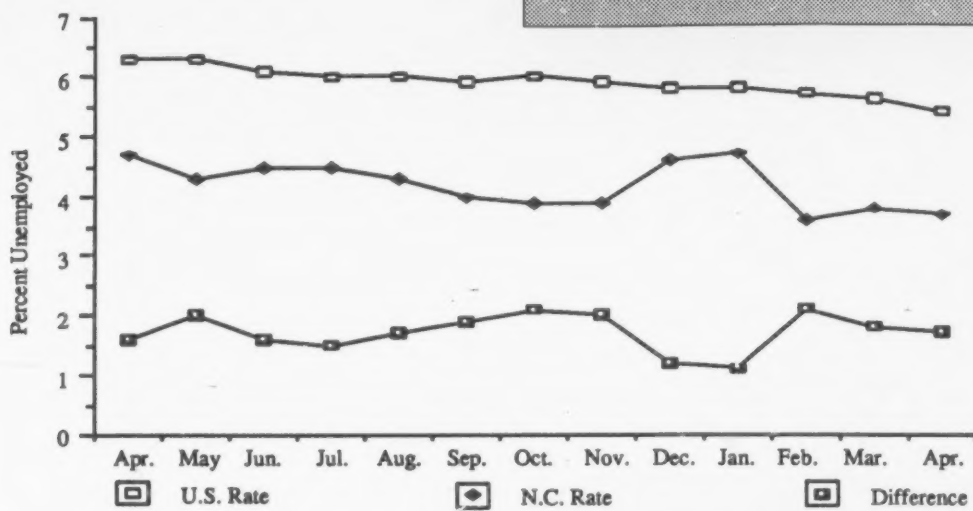


Figure 2

North Carolina Unemployment Rates (Adjusted and Unadjusted)

April 1987-April 1988

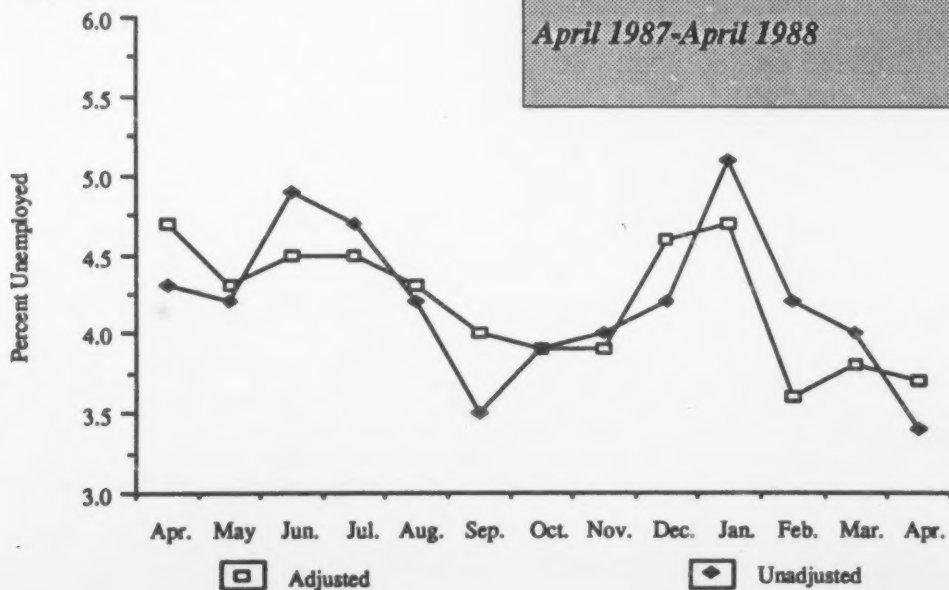


Table 3

Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			March 1988		Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Net	Percent	April 1987 Net	Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force ³	3,251.5	3,265.1	3,206.1	- 13.6	- 0.4	+ 45.4	+ 1.4
Unemployment, Total	109.4	129.1	139.1	- 19.7	- 15.3	- 29.7	- 21.4
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.4	4.0	4.3	- 0.6	xxx	- 0.9	xxx
Employment, Total	3,142.1	3,136.0	3,067.0	+ 6.1	+ 0.2	+ 75.1	+ 2.4
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force	3,300.0	3,296.0	3,251.0	+ 4.0	+ 0.1	+ 49.0	+ 1.5
Unemployment, Total	123.0	125.0	153.0	- 2.0	- 1.6	- 30.0	- 19.6
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	3.7	3.8	4.7	- 0.1	xxx	- 1.0	xxx
Employment, Total	3,177.0	3,171.0	3,098.0	+ 6.0	+ 0.2	+ 79.0	+ 2.6
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,931.7	2,933.4	2,837.3	- 1.7	- 0.1	+ 94.4	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	861.4	866.2	850.0	- 4.8	- 0.6	+ 11.4	+ 1.3
Durable Goods	350.7	350.9	342.8	- 0.2	- 0.1	+ 7.9	+ 2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	37.1	37.4	37.7	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.2	12.6	12.4	- 0.4	- 3.2	- 0.2	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.4	9.5	9.6	- 0.1	- 1.1	- 0.2	- 2.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.8	4.7	5.2	+ 0.1	+ 2.1	- 0.4	- 7.7
Furniture & Fixtures	91.8	92.6	89.1	- 0.8	- 0.9	+ 2.7	+ 3.0
Household Furniture	81.7	82.4	79.0	- 0.7	- 0.8	+ 2.7	+ 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	41.0	41.4	39.7	- 0.4	- 1.0	+ 1.3	+ 3.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.7	34.7	33.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.2	+ 3.6

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Industry employment compiled by the LMI Division in cooperation with USDOL, BLS.

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(Continued)

Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			March 1988		Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Net	Percent	April 1987	Percent
Stone, Clay & Glass	20.7	20.7	20.2	0.0	0.0	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.9	2.9	- 0.1	- 3.4	- 0.1	- 3.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prods.	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Products	11.9	11.9	11.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 5.3
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	27.0	26.6	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Fab. Struct. Metal Products	8.5	8.4	8.5	+ 0.1	+ 1.2	0.0	0.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	58.7	58.7	56.0	0.0	0.0	+ 2.7	+ 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.4	8.4	8.0	0.0	0.0	+ 0.4	+ 5.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	60.0	59.3	59.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Household Appliances	5.3	4.7	5.5	+ 0.6	+ 12.8	- 0.2	- 3.6
Transportation Equipment	26.0	25.9	25.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods ⁴	17.6	17.4	17.1	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Nondurable Goods	510.7	515.3	507.2	- 4.6	- 0.9	+ 3.5	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	51.1	51.0	49.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.1	+ 4.3
Meat Products	23.4	23.5	22.3	- 0.1	- 0.4	+ 1.1	+ 4.9
Meat Packing Products	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 0.1	- 4.0	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.6	2.8	+ 0.1	+ 3.8	- 0.1	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Beverages	5.9	5.8	5.7	+ 0.1	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.7	22.6	24.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 2.1	- 8.5
Cigarettes	18.7	18.8	20.0	- 0.1	- 0.5	- 1.3	- 6.5
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.4	3.2	4.3	+ 0.2	+ 6.2	- 0.9	- 20.9
Textile Mill Products	218.2	221.2	218.0	- 3.0	- 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton,							
Synthetics & Wool	50.6	51.3	50.9	- 0.7	- 1.4	- 0.3	- 0.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	26.0	26.5	26.3	- 0.5	- 1.9	- 0.3	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.0	24.3	24.1	- 0.3	- 1.2	- 0.1	- 0.4

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment				Change From:			
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	March 1988 Net Percent	April 1987 Net Percent			
Knitting Mills	83.0	84.5	83.1	- 1.5 - 1.8	- 0.1 - 0.1			
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	25.1	25.8	25.8	- 0.7 - 2.7	- 0.7 - 2.7			
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.7	22.3	- 0.2 - 0.9	+ 0.2 + 0.9			
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.3	15.7	15.4	- 0.4 - 2.5	- 0.1 - 0.6			
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.5	6.5	6.0	0.0 0.0	+ 0.5 + 8.3			
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	14.8	14.8	14.7	0.0 0.0	+ 0.1 + 0.7			
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.2	55.9	54.9	- 0.7 - 1.3	+ 0.3 + 0.5			
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.2	90.8	88.4	- 1.6 - 1.8	+ 0.8 + 0.9			
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.2	31.7	29.5	- 0.5 - 1.6	+ 1.7 + 5.8			
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.3	35.4	36.6	- 1.1 - 3.1	- 2.3 - 6.3			
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	22.2	0.0 0.0	- 0.2 - 1.9			
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.2	10.3	10.4	+ 0.1 + 1.2	+ 0.2 + 2.5			
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.1	8.0	7.9	0.0 0.0	+ 0.2 + 2.6			
Printing & Publishing	29.4	29.3	28.5	+ 0.1 + 0.3	+ 0.9 + 3.2			
Newspapers	10.7	10.7	10.4	0.0 0.0	+ 0.3 + 2.9			
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.3	40.2	40.1	+ 0.1 + 0.2	+ 0.2 + 0.5			
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.7	12.7	12.7	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0			
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.4	33.7	32.2	- 0.3 - 0.9	+ 1.2 + 3.7			
Other Nondurable Goods ⁵	4.3	4.4	4.0	- 0.1 - 2.3	+ 0.3 + 7.5			
Nonmanufacturing	-2,070.3	2,067.2	1,987.3	+ 3.1 + 0.1	+ 83.0 + 4.2			
Mining	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 0.1 - 2.0	0.0 0.0			
Construction	168.6	168.9	140.1	+ 0.9 + 0.6	+ 6.7 + 4.8			
Transportation, exc. Railroad	86.0	85.3	79.2	+ 0.7 + 0.8	+ 6.8 + 8.6			
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	57.1	56.9	56.7	+ 0.2 + 0.4	+ 0.4 + 0.7			

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Seasonally Adjusted)
(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			March 1988		Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Net	Percent	April 1987 Net	Percent
Wholesale and Retail Trade	664.8	663.4	636.4	+ 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 28.4	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	160.5	159.2	151.3	+ 1.3	+ 0.8	+ 9.2	+ 6.1
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	96.6	95.5	91.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.2	+ 5.1	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	63.9	63.7	59.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 6.9
Retail Trade	504.3	504.2	485.1	+ 0.1	xx ⁸	+ 19.2	+ 4.0
General Merchandise Stores	70.6	69.8	67.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.2	+ 1.8	+ 2.6
Food Stores	79.4	79.1	77.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	+ 3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	131.6	131.0	125.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.4	+ 5.1
Service & Miscellaneous ⁶	505.2	504.4	480.1	+ 0.8	+ 0.2	+ 25.1	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.7	28.0	27.9	- 0.3	- 1.1	- 0.2	- 0.7
Personal Services	31.2	31.4	28.7	- 0.2	- 0.6	+ 2.5	+ 8.7
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.9	14.0	12.7	- 0.1	- 0.7	+ 1.2	+ 9.4
Total Government	448.4	448.6	440.6	- 0.2	xx ⁸	+ 7.8	+ 1.8
Federal	53.7	53.7	53.1	0.0	0.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
State	130.7	130.5	130.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	- 0.1	- 0.1
Education	67.9	68.0	68.8	- 0.1	- 0.1	- 0.9	- 1.3
Other	62.8	62.5	62.0	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.3
Local	264.0	264.4	256.7	- 0.4	- 0.2	+ 7.3	+ 2.8
Education	137.2	136.9	134.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 2.9	+ 2.2
Other	126.8	127.5	122.4	- 0.7	- 0.5	+ 4.4	+ 3.6
All Other Nonag. Employment ⁷	265.0	256.5	253.0	+ 8.5	+ 3.3	+ 12.0	+ 4.7
Agriculture	46.1	37.5	49.6	+ 8.6	+ 22.9	- 3.5	- 7.1

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Figure 3

*Composition of Nonagricultural
Employment in North Carolina
(Seasonally Adjusted)*

April 1988

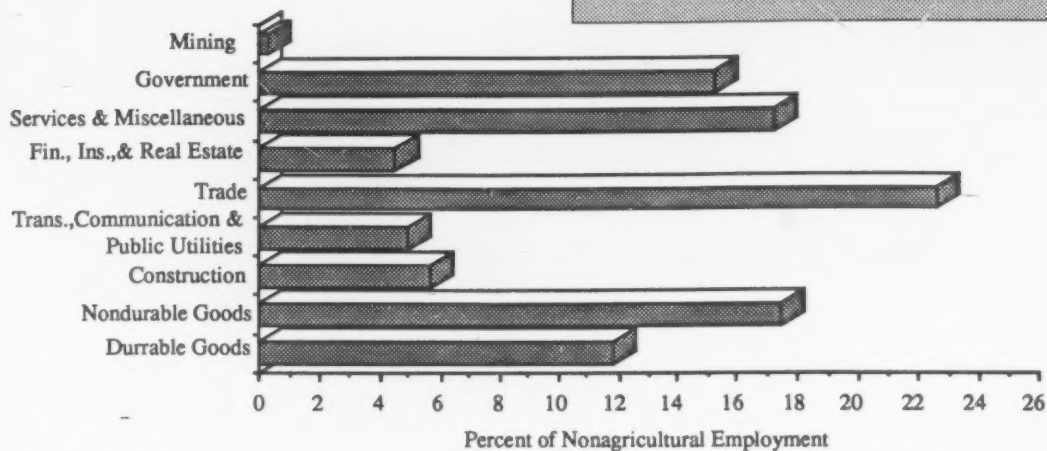


Figure 4

*Employment Levels in Major
Manufacturing Industries in
North Carolina (Seasonally
Adjusted)*

April 1988

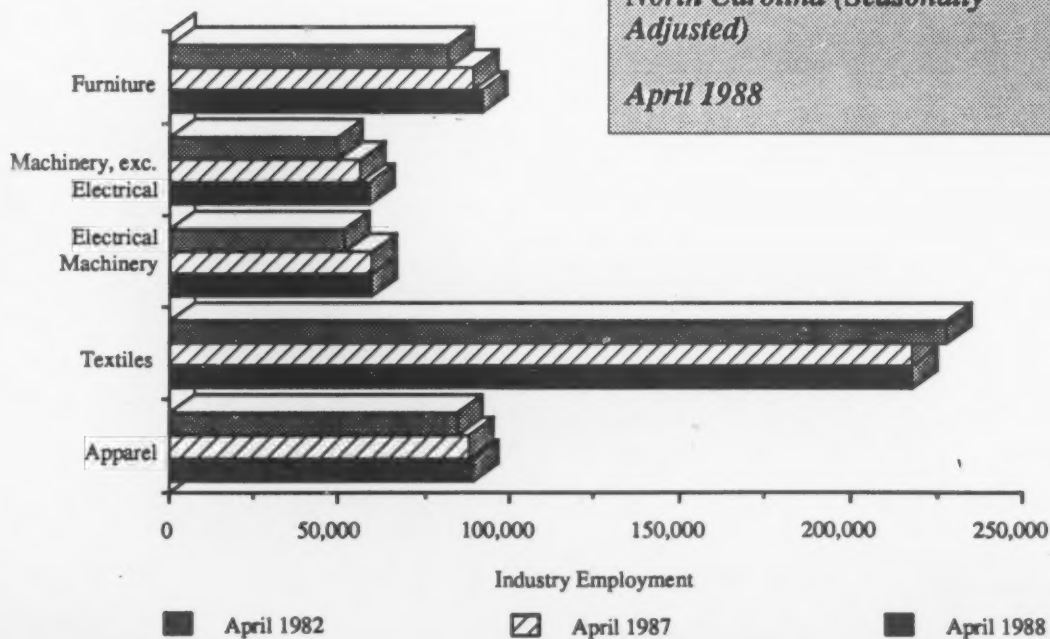


Table 4

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector¹

April 1988

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed	
				Change From Previous Month Numerical	Percent
Total All Industries	2,742,119	35,395	1.3	- 9,071	- 20.4
Manufacturing Total	845,749	15,603	1.8	- 2,417	- 13.4
Food Products	48,573	-865	1.8	- 407	- 32.0
Tobacco	24,942	1,243	5.0	+ 144	+ 13.1
Textile Products	220,628	5,000	2.3	- 94	- 1.8
Apparel Products	84,328	2,745	3.3	- 200	- 6.8
Lumber & Wood	37,744	740	2.0	- 377	- 33.8
Furniture & Fixtures	88,640	1,414	1.6	- 24	- 1.7
Paper & Allied	22,075	131	0.6	- 66	- 33.5
Printing & Publishing	28,265	183	0.6	- 79	- 30.2
Chemicals & Allied	39,465	193	0.5	- 61	- 24.0
Rubber & Plastics	33,218	605	1.8	- 166	- 21.5
Leather Products	3,448	46	1.3	+ 1	+ 2.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	20,292	272	1.3	- 99	- 26.7
Primary & Fabricated Metals	37,289	545	1.5	- 31	- 5.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,252	374	0.7	- 273	- 42.2
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	57,761	771	1.3	- 687	- 47.1
Transportation Equipment	24,536	245	1.0	- 36	- 12.8
Other Manufacturing ²	18,293	231	1.3	+ 38	+ 19.7
Construction	156,990	4,260	2.7	- 2,193	- 34.0
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	135,304	1,083	0.8	- 343	- 24.1
Trade	642,588	5,258	0.8	- 1,881	- 26.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	123,549	821	0.7	- 238	- 22.5
Services	436,574	2,930	0.7	- 1,010	- 25.6
State Government	113,457	299	0.3	- 108	- 26.5
Local Government	257,355	483	0.2	- 158	- 24.6
Other ³	xxx	4,658	xxx	- 723	- 13.4

¹These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

²"Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

³"Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Table 5

*Individuals Placed in Jobs by
the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

April 1988¹

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed ²	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs ^{2, 3}	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	9,969	9,656	318	6	881
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	298	293	2	0	1
Clerical Occupations	1,309	1,277	3	1	26
Sales Occupations	274	271	3	0	3
Domestic Service Occupations	118	79	2	0	4
Other Service Occupations	1,754	1,682	3	0	19
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	509	355	262	0	14
Processing Occupations	683	700	2	0	3
Machine Trade Occupations	1,559	1,539	1	2	23
Benchwork Occupations	1,813	1,803	4	0	6
Structural Work Occupations	1,299	1,283	8	1	716
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	274	267	3	1	47
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,839	1,706	27	1	39
Miscellaneous Occupations	37	37	0	0	0

¹The program year for the Employment Service Division runs from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

²The Total Individuals Placed and Total Individuals Placed in Regular Jobs do not include individuals who were placed in more than one job during the program year. However, the figures listed for industrial divisions do count each placement of an individual.

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the Employment Security
Commission by Occupational
Categories and Industrial
Divisions*

April 1988¹

Manufacturing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
4,895	543	1,876	113	2,009	326	595
71	1	31	6	98	87	114
251	171	433	68	314	71	177
6	5	220	7	27	2	7
2	0	0	0	71	0	10
79	0	719	14	812	96	163
28	3	10	5	27	12	13
634	1	67	0	3	0	0
1,376	11	32	0	103	1	3
1,533	1	52	1	228	1	4
385	26	35	12	116	43	65
36	66	79	0	34	10	15
956	256	255	0	252	3	22
18	5	2	0	9	3	9

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Unemployment Rates in North
Carolina and the United States
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April 1987-April 1988

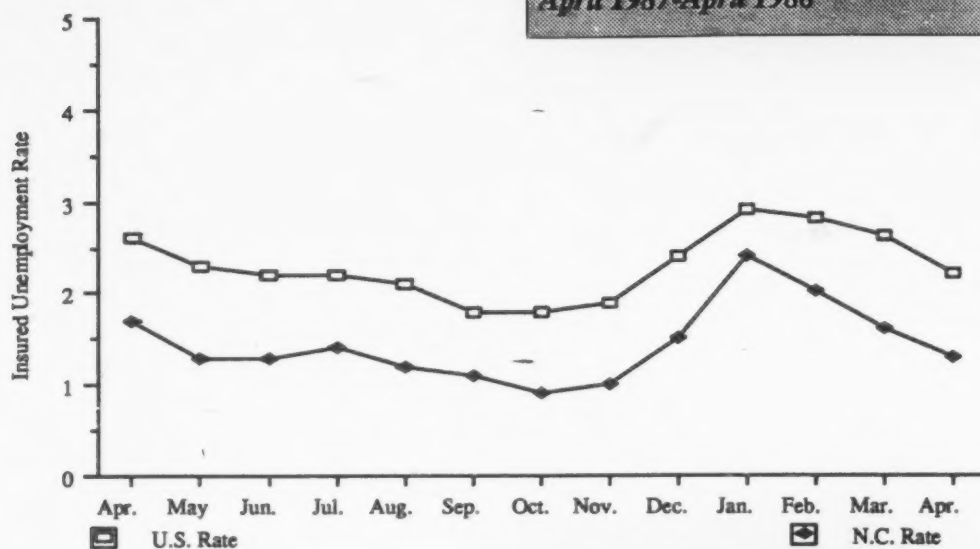
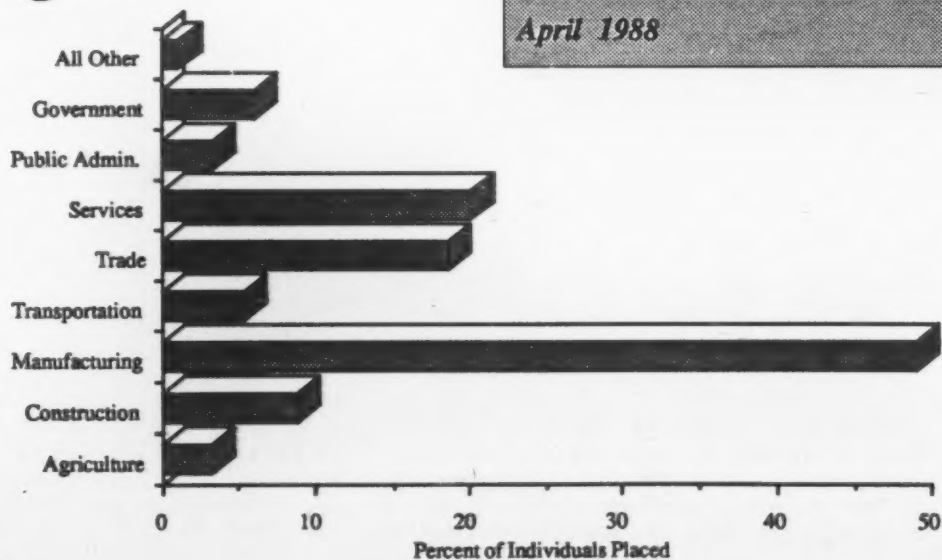


Figure 6

*Individuals Placed in Jobs
through the Employment
Security Commission by Major
Industrial Category*

April 1988



Appendix

Table I *Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted)
in North Carolina*

Table II *Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings
of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers
in North Carolina*

Figure I *Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in
North Carolina*

Figure II *Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Compared
to the North Carolina Average*

Table III *Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing
Industries in North Carolina*

Table I

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,934.1	2,922.1	2,839.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
Manufacturing	859.3	862.8	847.8	- 0.4	+ 1.4
Durable Goods	349.8	350.7	341.9	- 0.3	+ 2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	36.9	37.1	37.5	- 0.5	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.3	12.5	12.5	- 1.6	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	9.4	9.4	9.6	0.0	- 2.1
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.7	5.1	0.0	- 7.8
Furniture & Fixtures	92.2	93.0	89.5	- 0.9	+ 3.0
Household Furniture	82.1	82.8	79.4	- 0.8	+ 3.4
Wood Household Furniture	41.2	41.5	39.9	- 0.7	+ 3.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	34.6	34.9	33.4	- 0.9	+ 3.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	20.6	20.5	20.1	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0.0	- 3.4
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.9	11.9	11.3	0.0	+ 5.3
Fabricated Metal Industries	26.8	26.8	26.5	0.0	+ 1.1
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	8.4	8.2	8.4	+ 2.4	0.0
Machinery, except Electrical	58.5	58.5	55.8	0.0	+ 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	8.3	8.3	7.9	0.0	+ 5.1
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	59.2	59.4	59.0	- 0.3	+ 0.3
Household Appliances	4.5	4.5	4.7	0.0	- 4.3
Transportation Equipment	26.2	26.1	25.2	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Other Durable Goods ³	17.5	17.4	17.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Nondurable Goods	509.5	512.1	505.9	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Food & Kindred Products	50.2	49.9	48.2	+ 0.6	+ 4.1
Meat Products	23.1	23.3	22.1	- 0.9	+ 4.5
Meat Packing Plants	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 4.0	0.0
Dairy Products	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0
Grain Mill Products	2.7	2.6	2.8	+ 3.8	- 3.6
Bakery Products	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0
Beverages	5.8	5.7	5.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.6

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina**

**April 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)**

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.0	21.4	22.9	- 1.9	- 8.3
Cigarettes	18.5	18.7	19.8	- 1.1	- 6.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.1	2.3	2.7	- 8.7	- 22.2
Textile Mill Products	219.1	220.8	218.9	- 0.8	+ 0.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	50.7	51.1	51.0	- 0.8	- 0.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.9	26.2	26.2	- 1.1	- 1.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.1	24.2	24.2	- 0.4	- 0.4
Knitting Mills	83.3	84.2	83.4	- 1.1	- 0.1
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	25.0	25.7	25.7	- 2.7	- 2.7
Hosiery, NEC	22.5	22.6	22.3	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	15.5	15.7	15.6	- 1.3	- 0.6
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.6	6.5	6.1	+ 1.5	+ 8.2
Textile Finishing, except Wool	14.7	14.8	14.6	- 0.7	+ 0.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	55.6	56.0	55.3	- 0.7	+ 0.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.1	89.9	88.3	- 0.9	+ 0.9
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	31.3	31.4	29.6	- 0.3	+ 5.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.3	34.9	36.6	- 1.7	- 6.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.1	22.1	22.2	0.0	- 0.5
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	10.2	10.3	10.4	- 1.0	- 1.9
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	8.0	7.9	7.8	+ 1.3	+ 2.6
Printing & Publishing	29.5	29.7	28.6	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Newspapers	10.7	10.7	10.4	0.0	+ 2.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	40.4	40.2	40.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.7	12.7	12.7	0.0	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	33.7	33.7	32.5	0.0	+ 3.7
Other Nondurable Goods ³	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	+ 7.3

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²Revised.

³This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

⁴This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

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Table I
(Continued)

**Detailed Industry Employment
(not seasonally adjusted) in
North Carolina**

**April 1988¹
(Numbers in Thousands)**

Industry	Total Employment			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Nonmanufacturing	2,074.8	2,059.3	1,992.1	+ 0.8	+ 4.2
Mining	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.0	0.0
Construction	166.9	164.0	158.4	+ 1.8	+ 5.4
Transportation & Public Utilities	145.9	144.6	139.3	+ 0.9	+ 4.7
Transportation, except Railroad	85.3	84.2	78.6	+ 1.3	+ 8.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	56.9	56.7	56.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.7
Wholesale & Retail Trade	658.3	653.0	630.0	+ 0.8	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade	159.0	157.9	149.8	+ 0.7	+ 6.1
Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	96.4	95.8	91.3	+ 0.6	+ 5.6
Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	62.6	62.1	58.5	+ 0.8	+ 7.0
Retail Trade	499.3	495.1	480.2	+ 0.8	+ 4.0
General Merchandise Stores	68.5	67.4	65.2	+ 1.6	+ 5.1
Food Stores	78.8	78.4	76.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	130.9	130.0	124.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.1
Service & Miscellaneous ⁴	506.7	501.9	481.5	+ 1.0	+ 5.2
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	27.0	25.8	27.2	+ 4.7	- 0.7
Personal Services	31.9	32.2	29.3	- 0.9	+ 8.9
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	13.9	14.0	12.7	- 0.7	+ 9.4
Health Services	125.8	125.1	119.4	+ 0.6	+ 5.4
Hospitals	48.3	48.0	45.5	+ 0.6	+ 6.2
Legal Services	13.0	12.9	11.8	+ 0.8	+ 10.2
Educational Services	33.5	33.3	34.9	+ 0.6	- 4.0
Total Government	461.2	460.9	453.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.7
Federal	53.5	53.5	52.9	0.0	+ 1.1
State	135.5	134.8	135.7	+ 0.5	- 0.1
Education	73.1	73.0	74.1	+ 0.1	- 1.3
Other	62.4	61.8	61.6	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Local	272.2	272.6	264.8	- 0.1	+ 2.8
Education	146.7	146.6	143.6	+ 0.1	+ 2.2
Other	125.5	126.0	121.2	- 0.4	+ 3.5

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Table II

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

April 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987
Manufacturing	\$326.03	\$323.21	\$313.10	40.5	40.3	40.4	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.02	\$ 7.75
Durable Goods	341.11	337.81	328.02	40.9	40.7	40.9	8.34	8.30	8.02
Lumber & Wood Products	287.96	278.20	272.30	40.5	39.8	40.4	7.11	6.99	6.74
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	289.46	283.91	265.06	41.0	40.5	40.1	7.06	7.01	6.61
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	333.27	303.42	301.08	41.4	39.1	39.0	8.05	7.76	7.72
Furniture & Fixtures	287.54	287.12	279.97	38.7	38.8	39.6	7.43	7.40	7.07
Household Furniture	285.22	285.18	278.78	38.7	38.8	39.6	7.37	7.35	7.04
Wood Household Furniture	270.44	272.83	265.60	38.8	39.2	40.0	6.97	6.96	6.64
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	370.77	365.29	361.67	41.8	41.7	42.3	8.87	8.76	8.55
Structural Clay Products	325.98	322.15	319.50	42.5	42.5	45.0	7.67	7.58	7.10
Primary Metal Industries	415.05	406.83	384.99	43.1	42.6	42.4	9.63	9.55	9.08
Fabricated Metal Industries	370.71	369.09	353.33	41.7	41.8	40.8	8.89	8.83	8.66
Machinery, exc. Electrical	376.37	383.45	381.60	42.1	42.7	42.4	8.94	8.98	9.00
Special Industry Machinery	359.04	361.62	351.12	41.7	42.0	42.0	8.61	8.61	8.36
Electrical Machinery	390.83	388.96	371.62	41.8	41.6	41.2	9.35	9.35	9.02
Household Appliances	280.95	274.09	262.19	40.6	39.1	38.9	6.92	7.01	6.74
Transportation Equipment	400.89	388.29	358.66	44.2	43.0	41.9	9.07	9.03	8.56
Nondurable Goods	317.16	314.38	303.20	40.3	40.1	40.0	7.87	7.84	7.58
Food & Kindred Products	277.85	269.31	259.82	39.3	38.2	37.6	7.07	7.05	6.91
Meat Products	226.26	214.56	205.87	37.9	36.0	34.6	5.97	5.96	5.95
Meat Packing Products	351.54	352.13	318.00	43.4	43.1	39.9	8.10	8.17	7.97

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

²Data for the current month are preliminary.

³Revised.

Table II

(Continued)

**Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and
Hourly Earnings of Selected Production
and Non-supervisory Workers in
North Carolina¹**

April 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987
Dairy Products	308.17	309.46	305.73	43.1	43.1	43.0	7.15	7.18	7.11
Grain Mill Products	351.12	337.03	323.90	44.0	42.5	42.9	7.98	7.93	7.55
Bakery Products	333.11	322.64	311.67	41.9	41.1	41.5	7.95	7.85	7.51
Beverages	516.22	504.66	470.30	41.1	39.8	40.3	12.56	12.68	11.67
Tobacco Manufacturers	606.02	623.90	559.61	38.6	40.2	36.6	15.70	15.52	15.29
Cigarettes	646.91	673.59	613.00	38.9	40.7	37.7	16.63	16.55	16.26
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	242.18	235.15	169.74	36.2	35.9	27.6	6.69	6.55	6.15
Textile Mill Products	291.28	287.94	281.11	41.2	40.9	41.4	7.07	7.04	6.79
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	326.88	321.81	317.34	41.8	41.1	41.7	7.82	7.83	7.61
Weaving Mills, Cotton	325.82	315.20	312.35	41.4	40.0	40.2	7.87	7.88	7.77
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	329.09	329.09	322.27	42.3	42.3	43.2	7.78	7.78	7.46
Knitting Mills	266.53	264.52	249.32	40.2	40.2	39.7	6.63	6.58	6.28
Women's Hosiery, exc. Socks	237.12	240.09	225.79	38.0	38.6	38.4	6.24	6.22	5.88
Hosiery, NEC	253.04	259.67	228.04	39.6	40.7	36.9	6.39	6.38	6.18
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	314.93	298.08	299.03	43.2	41.4	43.4	7.29	7.20	6.89
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	337.44	335.79	332.28	45.6	45.5	46.8	7.40	7.38	7.10
Textile Finishing, exc. Wool	297.56	290.07	288.56	41.1	40.4	40.7	7.24	7.18	7.09
Yarn & Thread Mills	289.82	285.80	290.15	41.7	41.3	43.5	6.95	6.92	6.67
Apparel & Other Textile Products	204.42	207.58	197.42	36.7	37.2	36.9	5.57	5.58	5.35
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	206.34	206.34	196.20	36.2	36.2	36.2	5.70	5.70	5.42
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	190.21	191.73	180.36	36.3	36.8	36.0	5.24	5.21	5.01

¹These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

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Table II

(Continued)

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-supervisory Workers in North Carolina¹

April 1988²

(Numbers in Thousands)

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987	Apr. 1988	Mar. ³ 1988	Apr. 1987
Paper & Allied Products	510.99	495.94	495.82	43.6	43.2	43.8	11.72	11.48	11.32
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	699.50	669.76	683.42	45.6	45.5	47.1	15.34	14.72	14.51
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	389.42	373.68	363.74	42.7	41.2	42.1	9.12	9.07	8.64
Printing & Publishing	369.87	361.17	347.21	39.9	39.3	39.1	9.27	9.19	8.88
Newspapers	297.70	302.39	283.90	33.3	33.9	33.4	8.94	8.92	8.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	469.15	466.34	445.22	43.4	43.1	43.1	10.81	10.82	10.33
Plastics & Synthetics	540.63	529.47	518.42	45.7	45.1	46.0	11.83	11.74	11.27
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	411.52	403.44	372.53	41.4	41.0	40.1	9.94	9.84	9.29
Mining	428.71	430.83	388.97	46.7	47.5	45.6	9.18	9.07	8.53
Comm. & Elec., Gas & Sanitary Services	516.18	514.92	517.37	42.0	42.0	42.2	12.29	12.26	12.26
Wholesale & Retail Trade	212.18	209.58	210.90	32.1	31.9	32.8	6.61	6.57	6.43
Wholesale Trade	336.34	333.66	332.00	39.2	39.3	40.0	8.58	8.49	8.30
Retail Trade	176.10	173.45	176.53	30.0	29.7	30.7	5.87	5.84	5.75
General Merchandise Stores	159.74	156.46	166.18	27.4	26.7	28.8	5.83	5.86	5.77
Food Stores	183.21	182.38	188.11	31.0	30.6	32.1	5.91	5.96	5.86
Services, Hotels & Other									
Lodging Places	151.01	148.23	143.34	31.2	30.5	29.8	4.84	4.86	4.81
Laundries, Cleaning & Garment Service	207.33	202.65	203.70	35.2	35.0	35.8	5.89	5.79	5.69

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Figure I

**Average Hourly Earnings
by Major Industry Sectors
in North Carolina**

April 1988

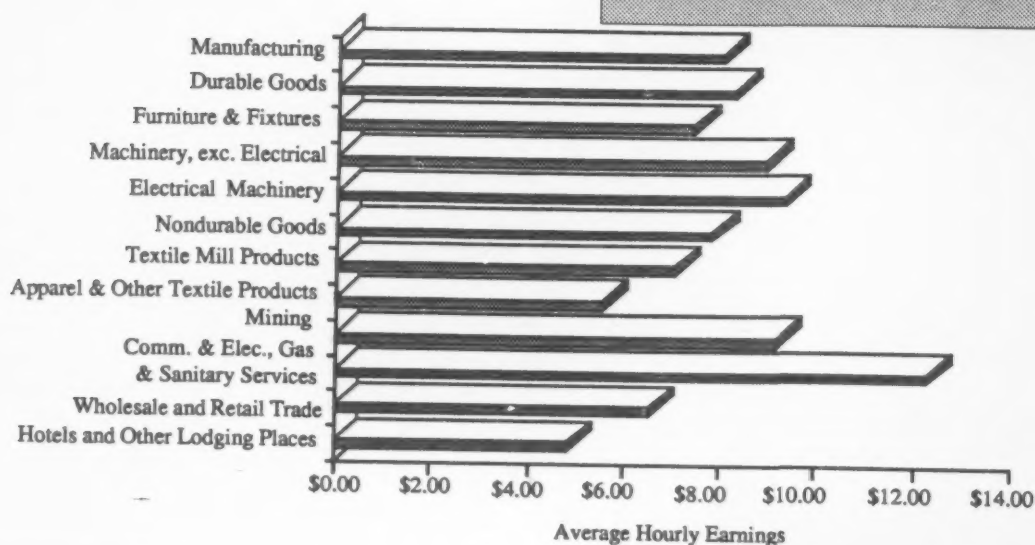


Figure II

**Average Hourly Earnings in
Durable Goods Industries
Compared to the North
Carolina Average**

April 1988

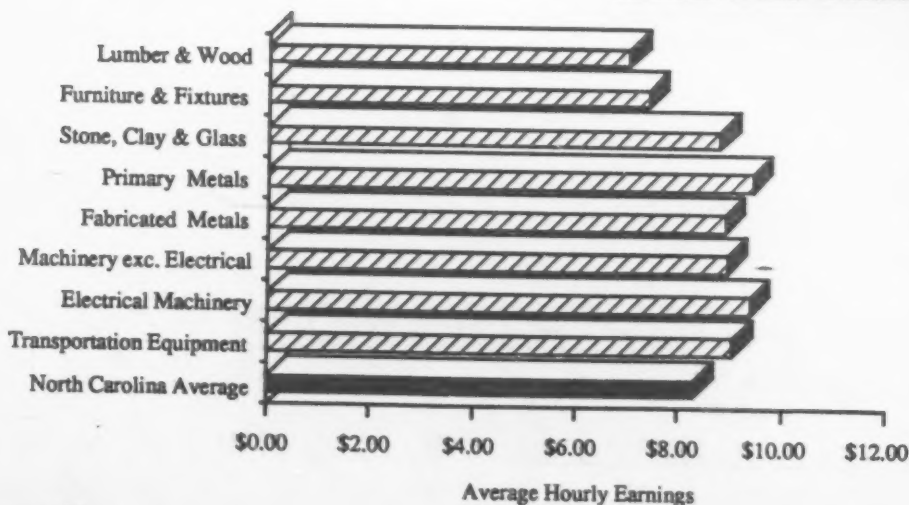


Table III

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

April 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Manufacturing	679.4	683.2	671.7	- 0.6	+ 1.1
Durable Goods	263.5	264.6	258.1	- 0.4	+ 2.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.4	31.3	31.9	+ 0.3	- 1.6
Millwork, Plywood & Structural Members	8.1	8.0	8.2	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Wood Buildings & Mobile Homes	3.9	3.8	4.1	+ 2.6	- 4.9
Furniture & Fixtures	80.7	81.4	78.3	- 0.9	+ 3.1
Household Furniture	72.3	72.9	70.0	- 0.8	+ 3.3
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.6	36.2	- 0.5	+ 3.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	16.5	16.4	16.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.5
Structural Clay Products	2.3	2.2	2.3	+ 4.5	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	+ 7.2
Fabricated Metal Industries	20.1	20.2	19.9	- 0.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, except Electrical	29.4	29.8	28.3	- 1.3	+ 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.7	5.7	5.4	0.0	+ 5.6
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	42.0	42.3	42.1	- 0.7	- 0.2
Household Appliances	3.9	3.8	4.3	+ 2.6	- 9.3
Transportation Equipment	21.3	21.2	20.4	+ 0.5	+ 4.4
Other Durable Goods ³	13.2	13.1	12.7	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Nondurable Goods	415.9	418.6	413.5	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Food & Kindred Products	35.9	35.9	34.4	0.0	+ 4.4
Meat Products	20.4	20.6	19.7	- 1.0	+ 3.6
Meat Packing Plants	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Dairy Products	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	+ 6.2
Grain Mill Products	1.9	1.9	2.1	0.0	- 9.5
Bakery Products	4.7	4.8	4.7	- 2.1	0.0

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Table III
(Continued)

**Production Workers in
Selected Manufacturing
Industries in North Carolina**

April 1988¹

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	Apr. 1988	Mar. ² 1988	Apr. 1987	Mar. 1988	Apr. 1987
Beverages	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	+ 4.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	15.6	16.1	17.5	- 3.1	- 10.9
Cigarettes	13.9	14.1	15.3	- 1.4	- 9.2
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.3	1.6	1.9	-18.8	- 31.6
Textile Mill Products	194.1	195.7	193.7	- 0.8	+ 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synthetics & Wool	45.3	45.7	45.4	- 0.9	- 0.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	23.0	23.2	23.1	- 0.9	- 0.4
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	21.7	21.9	21.8	- 0.9	- 0.5
Knitting Mills	73.9	74.7	73.9	- 1.1	0.0
Women's Hosiery, except Socks	22.1	22.7	22.9	- 2.6	- 3.5
Hosiery, NEC	20.4	20.4	20.2	0.0	+ 1.0
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.7	13.5	- 1.5	0.0
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	+ 7.5
Textile Finishing, except Wool	12.4	12.5	12.2	- 0.8	+ 1.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.4	50.7	50.1	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	77.6	78.2	77.0	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats & Furnishings	26.9	27.0	25.6	- 0.4	+ 5.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	29.9	30.4	31.9	- 1.6	- 6.3
Paper & Allied Products	16.6	16.6	16.6	0.0	0.0
Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	7.2	7.3	7.4	- 1.4	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.1	6.0	5.9	+ 1.7	+ 3.4
Printing & Publishing	18.4	18.5	17.8	- 0.5	+ 3.4
Newspapers	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	+ 5.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	26.3	26.3	26.3	0.0	0.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.1	9.2	9.1	- 1.1	0.0
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics Products	27.7	27.6	26.8	+ 0.4	+ 3.4
Other Nondurable Goods ⁴	3.7	3.7	3.4	0.0	+ 8.8

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